

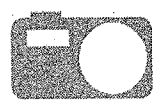
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## AROUND TOWN

### Eco-friendly

Most of us have medications that we no longer take, are old, have expired, or were used by someone who died. And usually they're disposed of by flushing them down the toilet or a drain. Although that method of disposal prevents immediate accidental ingestion, it can cause contamination in the aquatic environment.

To avoid such unwanted pollution, the Westland senior Friendship Center is hosting a Drug Disposal Day noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 12. Just bring your expired or unused medications to the back parking lot of the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh, between Marquette and Ford roads.

The Westland Police Department will be on hand to properly dispose of medications to prevent them from being flushed down the toilet and ending up in the water supply.

### For the troops

Take time to say thank you to the troops on Sunday, June 14.

The Westland Jaycees are inviting shoppers to stop by the East Court of the Westland Shopping Center 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to sign thank you cards for the soldiers to let the troops know that we appreciate the hard work and sacrifices they have made.

The Westland Jaycees started the event three years ago, and the response from the community has been outstanding. They're hoping to get at least 500 cards to send to the troops. The organization will provide blank memo cards and thank you cards for people to sign. There also will be pictures for children to color as well as a few T-shirts that can be signed, too. It also will cover the postage.

People who want to donate blank cards or turn in signed cards before June 14 can drop them off at the mall's Customer Service booth outside of Macy's.

For more information, call the Jaycee hotline at (734) 226-0400 or visit the organization's Web page at [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org).

### Yard sale

The Westland Historical Commission will host a yard sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. Items for sale include two pot-belly stoves, vintage wooden doors, miscellaneous furniture and more.

## W-W cuts spending, maintains programs

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools won't be spending as much in the new budget year as it has this year. The purchase of replacement school buses, library books, textbooks and some technology replacement has been reduced as the district grapples with dwindling state and federal revenue.

"The revenue is at the lowest level it's been since 2000-01; we're acting

to address the situation," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services. "This is really a tough time for education."

The 2009-10 budget, presented to the school board Monday evening, projected that the district will take in \$111.6 million in revenue and use \$7 million of its \$9 million fund equity to cover \$118.6 million in expenses. The \$2 million is the lowest fund equity the district has had since 1994-95, when it was

plunged into deficit with the advent of Proposal A. The district was \$1.9 million in the hole that year and was able to build up to a \$3.1 million surplus in 1995-96.

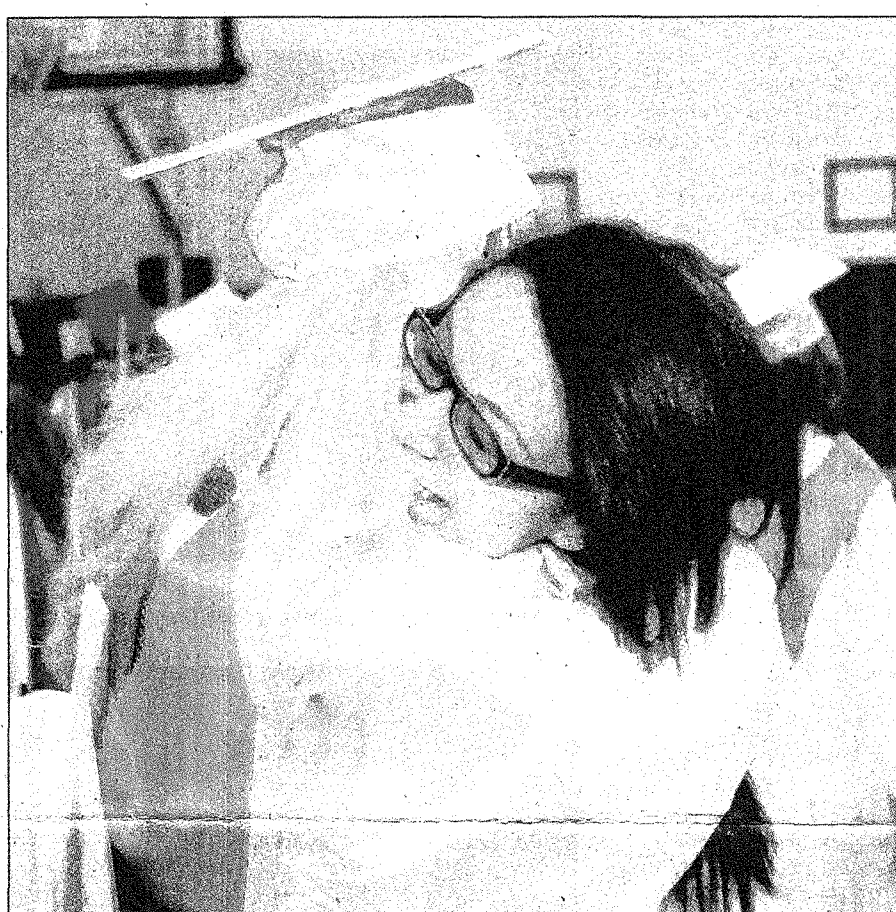
Martin estimates the district will receive 79.4 percent of its revenue, \$88.7 million, from the state, down from \$91.5 million during the current budget year. He is projecting that the per-pupil foundation allowance of \$7,957 will remain flat at best and could be cut by executive order, if there continues to be a

reduction in state revenue collections.

Property taxes will provide 16.9 percent (\$18.8 million) of revenue, while 3.7 percent (\$2.5 million) will come in large part from the intermediate school district.

Cost containment will save the district \$2.2 million. However, the district anticipates salary increases around 1.5 percent, a modest increase of 0.4 percent to 16.94

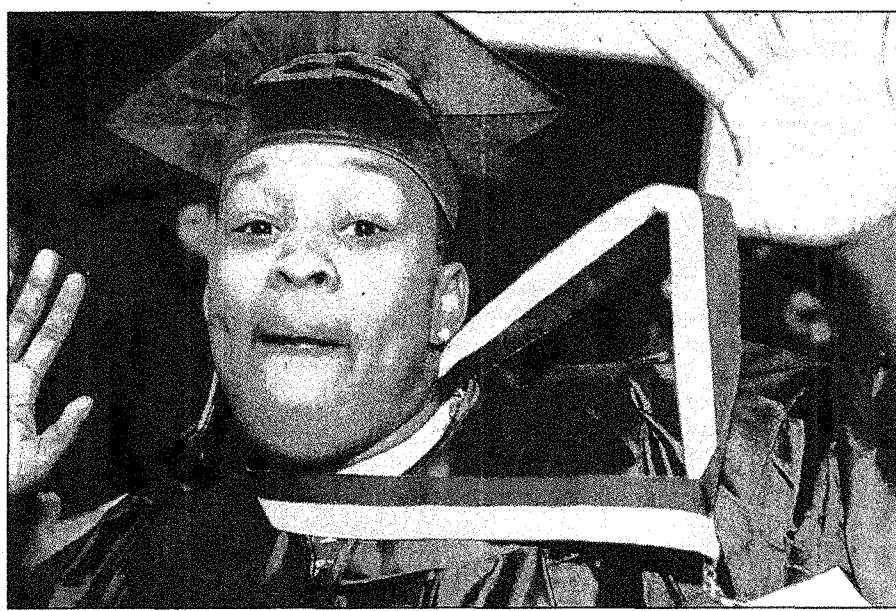
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### Graduation Day

Meleni Maksuti (above) gives a big hug to fellow graduate Rajah Ismail as seniors prepare for the start of John Glenn High School's commencement Saturday morning. More than 400 students received diplomas. For more photos and a list of graduate, see page A2. You'll find more photos in our galleries on the Westland home page at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Wayne Memorial High School graduate Brittanie Simmons (below) gives a shout out during commencement ceremonies. Photos and a list of Wayne Memorial graduates will appear in the Sunday issue of the Observer.



## Panel aims for complete count in 2010 census

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's expected that about 70 percent of Westland residents will complete and return their 2010 census forms when they arrive without any additional prodding. It's that other 30 percent that city officials want to make sure are counted.

The first step in that process is the formation of a Complete Count Committee which will have an organizational meeting 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Westland City Council chambers.

"Basically, we're looking at the stakeholders, community leaders, government people and others to take a leadership role," said Westland Planning

Director Bruce Thompson, who is chairing the CCC. "The first meeting will be to get everyone started and try to form subcommittees to focus on those groups not likely to fill out the census."

Invitations have been extended to groups, such as local churches, the Salvation Army, Westland Civitans and the Westland Rotary.

"We'll let them come up with ideas. We're not focusing on the average family in Westland — 70 percent of them will return the forms," said Thompson. "We need to focus on the homeless, transients or immigrants who aren't up to speed on what the

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## City officials tout Westland at convention

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to attracting business development to the community, Westland officials aren't afraid to take their show on the road.

Council President James Godbout, Economic Development Director Lori Fodale and Deputy Mayor Jade Smith, who was city controller at the time, recently spent four days in Las Vegas at the International Council of Shopping Centers annual retail convention.

"This was my second time and the team approach worked better than one person," said Fodale, who had attended the convention solo previously.

The convention provided

Westland officials with a chance to promote the city directly with developers using a flash drive with information about the former Sam's Club and Best Buy sites on Central City Parkway — Best Buy vacated that site to relocate further east at the corner of Wayne Road — Ford 2020, the conceptual design master plan for potential improvements and development along Ford between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway; and marketing information about Westland, including demographic data.

"We met with some of the owners of big box properties. We got a lot of information. We should see a lot of benefit, if it pans out like I expect," said Fodale.

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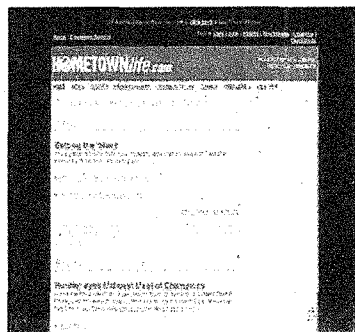
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## E-newsletters deliver hometown vie e-mail

Starting Sunday, June 14, readers will have a great way to stay plugged in to their hometown news. The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* will debut Today's Headlines, a free electronic newsletter that will automatically send the latest news via e-mail to anyone who signs up at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

"This is something we've wanted to do for a long time," said Executive Editor Susan Rosiek. "People are very busy these days, but the demand for local news is high. This will make it easy for readers and advertisers to stay connected to local news that matters."

Starting Sunday, readers will be able click on the E-newsletters tab at the top left of our Web site, [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com), to sign up. Provide your e-mail address and you will soon be receiving all



the latest news from your community. If 1-96, 1-275 or 1-696 is shut down due to a rollover accident and you signed up for our Breaking News E-newsletter, there is a good chance you'll be able to avoid that traffic jam just by checking your e-mail.

E-newsletters for all local publications will be available as well as special editions for breaking news, entertainment news and local business news.

E-newsletter subscriber contact information will be kept private so there is no need to worry that signing up will lead to a barrage of third-party sales calls or unwanted offers clogging up your e-mail inbox.

The *Observer Newspaper* editions — Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Garden City — will offer E-newsletters on Thursday and Sunday.

The *Hometown Newspapers* — Northville Record, Novi News, South Lyon Herald and Milford Times — will offer E-newsletters on Thursday and the Birmingham and South Oakland Eccentric newspapers will offer them on Sunday.

The local Business and local entertainment newsletters will come out once a week.

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# John Glenn Class of 2009 receives diplomas

More than 400 members of the Class of 2009 received diplomas during John Glenn High School's commencement ceremony Saturday, June 6, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

Receiving their diplomas were:

Douglas Adams, Jeffrey Adkins, Janell Agius, Yolanda Agurs, Zaid Ammari, Ryan Anderson, Austin Anderson, Taylor Arancibia, Jeanette Babcock, Danielle Ballard, Char'Nae Banks, Kyle Barker, Shane Bartram, Paige Bartscht, Amber Beavers, Jeremy Beguhn, Daniel Beier, Harry Bello, Brianna Bennett, Kelsey Benvin, Matthew Benyo, Samantha Bevins, Cory Bilodeau, Joseph Blanchard, Eric Bleecker, Jay Bloomer, Timothy Boes, Erika Bonarek, Thomas Bonner, Jamisen Borromeo, Gregory Bosell, Leslie Botts, Nathan Bovia.

Melanie Bowles, Alysha Bowman, Ariel Bowman, Kyren Boyd, Dazz Bragg, Laura Bratcher, DeAujejuan Braxton, Shaylynn Brewer, Bethany Brokenshire, Frederick Brown, Emily Browne, Donald Brunetti, Sarah Buckingham, Jordan Burgess, Kyrsten Burke, Jamar Burroughs, Chanelle Busby, Deandre Butts, Larry Byram II, Monica Calkins, Vanessa Callanan, Chelsea Campbell, Johvin Canada, Amanda Canzoneri, Lisa Carreon, Amy Carter, Chelsea Caruso, Amanda Carver, Timothy Champagne, Logan Chaston, Richard Chatham.

Quenton Chestang-Pittman, Mobogeni Chirunga, Emilie Cichowski, Amelia Clark, Chelsea Clark, Ilaysa Clark, Jeffrey Clark, Misty Clooten, Stephany Clos, Mirela Cocalic, Pierre Cole, Holly Collings, Kevin Combs, Amanda Connolly, Aaron Connolly, Robert Costello, Paul Cox, Daniel Cranford, Vincent Creighton, Devin Crimboli, Derrick Crosby, Megan Dahn, Dimarko Dallas, Anthony Davenport, Devon Davis, John Davis, Quentin Davis, Quinlan Davis, Chelsea Dean, Andrew Deluca, Christina DeNapoli, Mar'Cey Dewberry, Kelly Dodson.

Kelsea Donaldson, Jessica Dotson, Nicholas Driskell, Allie Dudash, Kionna Dudley, Brittany Durr, James Dutchak, Corine Eastman, Candace Eberhardt, Neil Eby, Tyla Echois, Zachary Edwards, Ian Eldred, Abdul-Jabar Elhady, Katy Ellis, Amanda Ellsworth, Victoria Elsey, Ariel Emanuel, Michael England, Jessica Espinoza, Jeffrey Evans, Jason Fairchild, Kevin Farrar, Brandon Farrugia, Tyler Femat, Zachary Ferris, Joshua Fields, Quinn Fields, Shari Jo Findlater, Ronald Flint, Angelina Floied, Angelyca Flowers, Crenesha Foster.

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Maurice Hardrict, Brittany Harris, Jessica Harris, Kathryn Harris, Versala Harris, Michele Harrison, Travis Hartwig, Antoinette Harwood, Ashley Hassett, Stephanie Hegenauer, Timothy Helton, Myiah Henderson, Faith Hengesbaugh, Jordan Henry, Peter Herzberg, Joey Hickman, Bianca Hicks, Steven Hickson, ShaLontinae Hill, Marcus Hill, Holly Hinken, Tynesha Hodge, Brittany Holbrook, James Holbrook, Ta'Niesha Holmes, Ashley Holt, Joshua Horn, Justin Hubbard, Alexis Huddleston, Andre Huff, Matthew Huffman, Henrica Hunt.

Brittany Hylton, Rajah Ismail, Aaron Jackson, Trevor Janas, Sabrina Jenkins, Brandyn Jenkins, William Jenkins, Brittney Johnson, Crystal Johnson, LyNetta Johnson, Bradley Johnson, James Johnson, Julian Johnson, Joseph Jones, Jennifer Jordan, Travis Jozefczak, Sarah Judeh, Terri Kadlec, Jenin Kahala, Joseph Kalski, Cameron Karaim, Jagvir Kaur, John Kelly, Catherine Khan, Kayla Kilburn, Amber King, Ki Ona King, Jake Kitzmiller, Alexandra Kleinschmidt, Jenna Kollar, Dawne Korhonen, Tomasz Krasnowski, Amber Krzyzaniak.

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Morgan, Jacob Morris, Tariq Mostafa, Amanda Murakami, Tyler Murch, Andrew Myers.

Amber Nadolski, Asra Najam, Tiah Napolitano, Emily Narkun, Mone'a Neece, Jacob Niedermeyer, Megan Nikula, Amy Offer, Abiola Ogbara, Derrick Oldham, Kyla Orr, Donovan Page, Jeffrey Palmer, De'Andre Parker, Terrance Parker, Nicole Paul, Jeffrey Pauli, Sergio Pavan, Chanel Payne, Danielle Peel, Michael Penhollow, Shane Perry, Katelyn Persh, Kristina Peters, Walter Peyton, Brittanie Phillips, Allen Phillips, Jordan Phillips, Dylan Phipps, Rebecca Pinion, Carly Pitrago, Shane Potter, Tiffany Powers, Dorian Prathers, Kathryn Preciado.

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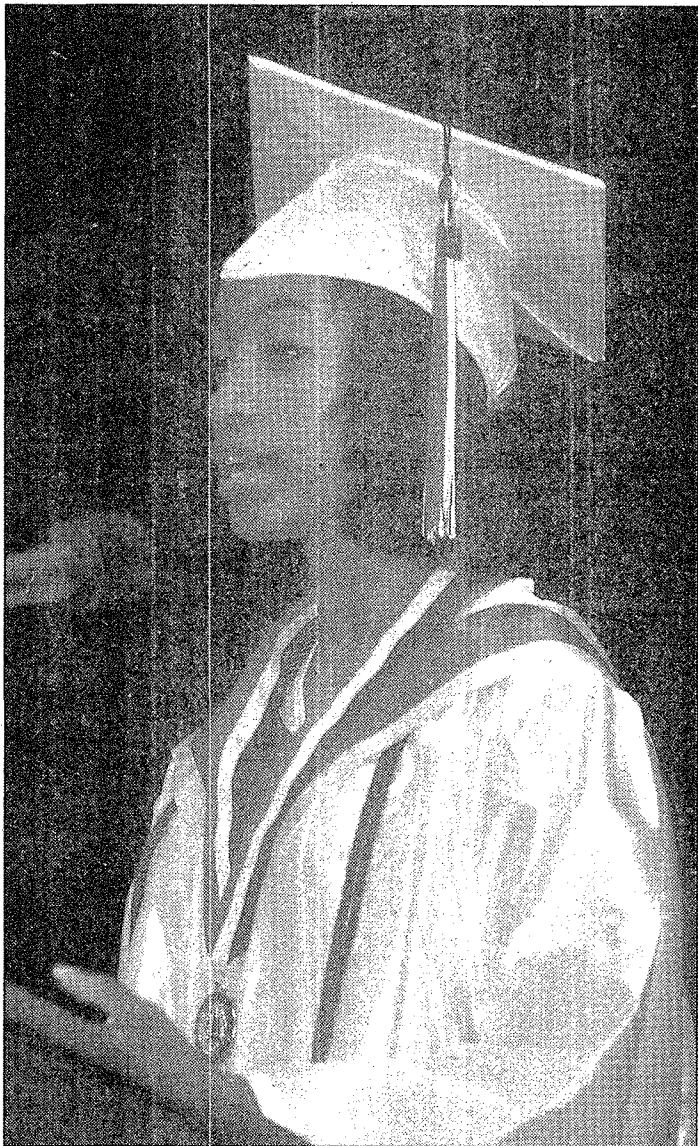
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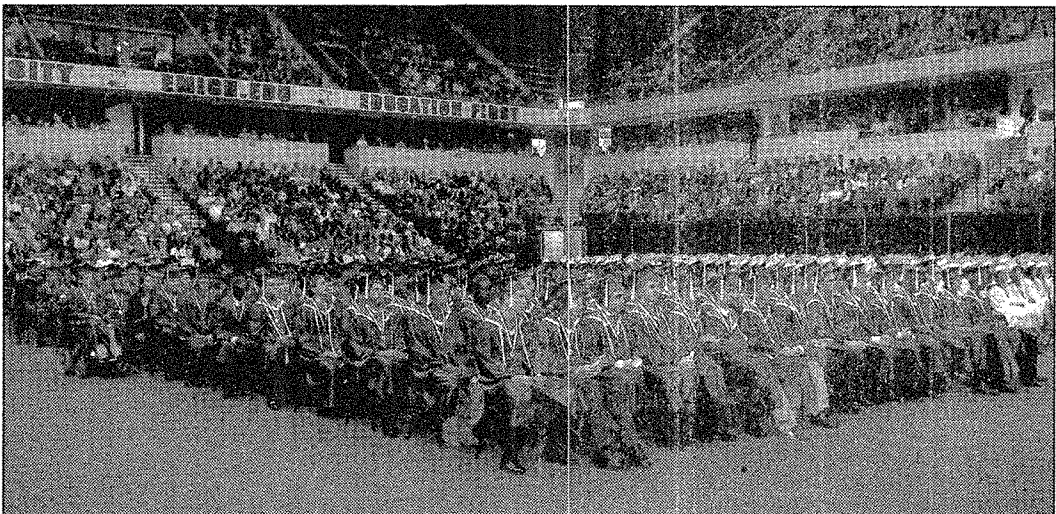
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The John Glenn High School JROTC color guard, led by Alex Hamlett, presents the colors during the ceremony.

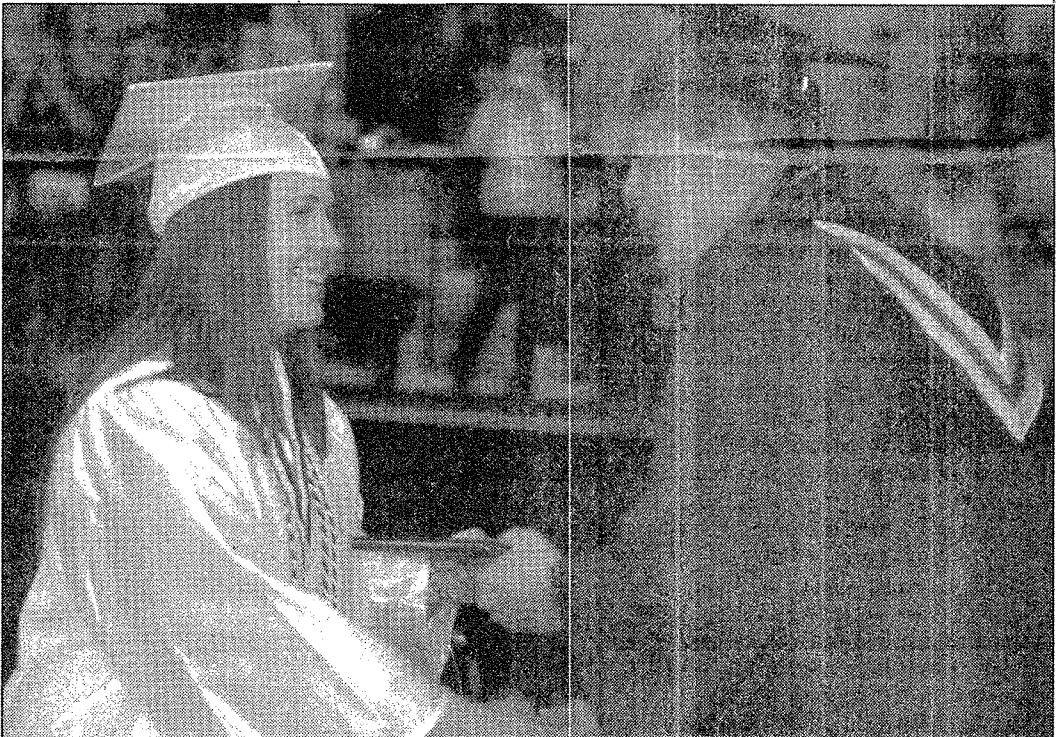


Class President Chanel Payne welcomes everyone.



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John Glenn's Class of 2009 listen to Supt. Greg Baracy speak during the commencement ceremony.



John Glenn High School senior Amy Carter receives her diploma from school board Vice President Skip Monit during commencement ceremonies at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

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# Salvation Army reaches out to area unemployed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army has received a grant from within the Salvation Army territory to help the “newly poor” in the local community. The total of the grant was \$27,000.

Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander, said residents in the corps’ service area - Westland, Romulus, Inkster, Wayne and New Boston- are eligible. The aid is for those who lost jobs from October 2008 forward.

“We were informed a couple months ago it was coming in,” he said.

Officials are now just able to release funds, generated by extra earnings from investments. It’s similar to a stimulus package on a small scale, Rose said.

“So we’re excited about it,” he said.

Rose emphasized Salvation Army officials cannot see walk-ins, and appointments are needed. People also will also need proof of unemployment in that time span. Appointments can be made by calling Robin Rutledge-Clarke at (734) 722-3660, Ext. 17.

“We are noticing a continuing rise of service requests,” Rose said, noting that there are great needs “to provide tangible things for people. If we assist them in one area, that will free up their money for other areas.

“We really want to reach out to our community and provide any tangible resources we can.”

The purpose and functions for this grant are a one-time maximum assistance of \$150 for any of the following:

- Prescription assistance with client match or a minimum of 10 percent client payment on bill.
- Minor vehicle repairs with client match or a minimum of 10 percent client payment on bill.
- Auto insurance payment with client match or a minimum of 10 percent client pay on bill.
- Additional “gap filling” for utility assistance in between corps cycles of funds.
- Additional “gap filling” for rental assistance in between corps cycles of funds.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is on Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.

- By Julie Brown

# Veterans association holds flag retirement ceremony

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A lot of people are taking advantage of an opportunity to properly dispose of worn American flags Sunday, which happens to be Flag Day.

About 1,200 flags have been left at a depository at the William Faust Public Library since Veterans Day. The Westland Veterans Association is hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the library beginning at 9 a.m.

“We won’t be able to burn all those flags in three hours. People have put into the receptacle flags you can hold in your hand up to big flags that you fly on a flag pole,” said Ken Mehl, president of the Westland Veterans Association. “It’s kind of strange — we are emptying the receptacle every three weeks. We started out doing it twice a week for the first few months.”

Even stranger, Mehl reports that mail was being found deposited with the flags — some people apparently confused the receptacle with a mail box. The mail was turned over to Library Director Cheryl Napsha so it could get to the right place.

The flag disposal ceremony — expected to last about 15 minutes — will begin at 9 a.m.

“There are several ceremonies for disposing of flags and we took parts of a couple of ceremonies,” Mehl said. “It happened to fall on Flag Day.”

Various VFW posts have hosted flag disposal ceremonies, but this is the first time the ceremony has been held at the library, located on Central City Parkway.

After the ceremony is concluded, the association will host a breakfast until noon. The cost is \$6 per person.

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percent of pay for state retirement costs and 2- to 3-percent increases in health care in the new budget year.

Martin also is projecting the district’s current enrollment of 13,143 students will drop to 12,787, due in large part to the state’s failing economy. Some of those losses will be offset with new schools of choice enrollment.

The district has lost more than 1,500 students since the 2002-03 school year, representing \$11.9 million in lost revenue, Martin said.

“Eighty percent of the districts in this state have lost enrollment,” he said. “The state has lost 107,000 students. We’ll have 142,000 fewer school-aged children by 2015. The losses are staggering.”

A new state School Aid Act isn’t anticipated before August or September and the receipt of \$6.8 million in enhanced school aid the district receives remains in doubt.

According to Supt. Greg Baracy, there’s been no decision on the enhanced revenue because the latest revenue predictions are “even more dismal.” If school officials are unable to get the enhanced revenue put back into a new School Aid Act, the district will be “in immediate deficit,” Baracy said.

The state expects the State School Aid Fund to have a \$732 million shortfall in 2009-10 on top of a \$425 million shortfall this year. Other than earmarked funds, federal stimulus money meant for the schools will be used to plug holes in the fund, although it won’t be enough to cover all of the losses, he said.

“The stimulus money will cover \$265 per student in 2009-10 and \$457 per student in 2010-11. When it runs out, it will be rolled back to us,” Baracy said. “Just when you think it can’t get any worse, it gets worse. We’re going through the same thing business is going through.”

# CENSUS

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census is for. Those are the people who benefit from the census.”

Population figures developed through the census count are used to allocate money for programs, including Title 1 grants to school districts, Head Start programs, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) food grants, emergency food and shelter funding and programs for the elderly.

Westland has the potential for a large part of the population to be mobile — 37 percent of Westland residences are rental properties. The city also is home to the Wayne County Family Shelter.

“We have a lot of apartments, more than most communities,” said Thompson. “The schools will be a big part of this — everyone sends their kids to school.”

Some people may be reluctant to complete the census because they don’t want to give the government information about their residency status, income or other aspect of their life they want to keep private.

“The census is required by law to keep the information private. The IRS (Internal Revenue Service), INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service), the CIA, not even the president gets the information,” said Thompson, adding the CCC needs to find ways to help people feel comfortable with giving information to the census bureau.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the CCC is welcome to attend the meeting.

# CONVENTION

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The developers were very appreciative of getting information about Westland on the flash drive, said Godbout, which is easier for them to share than stacks of paper.

“We got a lot of attention for being proactive. All in all, it was a very good event — beneficial,” said Godbout.

While there were other municipalities attending the convention, Fodale said she didn’t see many Michigan communities present.

“A lot of other places haven’t got things on the back burner. We had two major potential developments to showcase,” said Fodale. “We were there to network with retailers and brokers. There were developers looking for projects three or four years from now with the economy.”

While working for large development, Fodale said smaller businesses are filling existing and strip centers, noting that 36 business certificates of occupancy have been issued.

Although the area on the north side of Westland Center is being marketed, Fodale said more vacancies have occurred south and east of the mall. At the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren, Michael’s has closed and Work N Gear recently moved into the mall, leaving Toys R Us as the only anchor store.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Three men face charges for spray painting building

Three Westland men were arrested June 7 for spray painting walls at the vacant Value City Department Store, causing an estimated \$5,000 damage.

The men, two 18-year-olds and one 19-year-old, are expected to be arraigned today (June 11) in 18th District Court on charges of vandalism and trespassing.

The property manager called police to the store, 36901 Warren Road, after finding the

entire south wall and parts of the east and north walls had been spray painted. Part of the graffiti read "June 4, 2009 11:09 p.m." leading the owner and police to conclude that that was when the vandalism had occurred.

Based on interviews with the three men, police said they indicated being responsible for spray painting the former Sam's Club and Best Buy buildings, located on Central City Parkway near Wayne Road.

### AROUND WESTLAND

#### Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-24 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to middle school and high school students. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 20. Registration forms are available during Road Rockets 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, which is held in Gym 4 or online at glennwrestling.com. For questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

#### Used book sale

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold their used book sale Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, at the Westland Shopping Center Wayne and Warren roads, Westland. There will be a preview 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and cost \$3. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Most books and magazines will be priced at \$1 or less; videos, CDs and DVDs will be individually priced. To donate, call (734) 421-4420.

#### Inspire Theatre

There's sure to be laughter as the wish for a simple wedding turns into a big affair when the Inspire Theatre presents *Father of the Bride*

Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, inside The Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, west of Venoy, in Westland. Show time is 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12 each. For more information, call (734) 751-7057 or go online to www.inspiretheatre.com.

#### Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available online at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome!

#### Hazardous waste

The Wayne County Department of Environment has announced a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in the City of Westland.

The Westland event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind JC Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident.

For further information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

Another event has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Northville Public Works, 650 Doheny, just north of 7 Mile Road and east of South Main. It, too, is for Wayne County residents.

#### Pool opens

The Bailey Recreation Center's outdoor pool is open 3-6 p.m. weekdays and noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. weekends now through Friday, June 12. The regular season starts Saturday, June 13, and will feature an array of "theme" nights for the entire family, including "Two for Tuesday," "Wacky Wednesday," "Family Night Thursday" and "Flotation Friday."

The Bailey Center is at 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

#### Closing celebration

St. Dunstan Catholic School is inviting all former school staff, students and families to attend the closing Liturgy at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. The school is closing after 45 years. People who would like to contribute as a minister in the liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, should call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6720. An open house and reception will follow.

#### Break-ins

On June 7, a resident in the 32000 block of Genessee Court told police that over the previous couple of days someone had broken into his home. The homeowner said a window may have been left unlocked, adding the blinds at the window had been moved and there was grass on the couch which is below the window.

When he returned home, the man said he found the dead bolt, which had been left locked, was unlocked.

Reported missing were an Xbox 360 game system, inline skates, a collection of 30 Detroit Tigers caps and a lava lamp valued at \$1,370.

A break-in was also reported at a home in the 32000 block of Genessee Court. A family member told police that she was checking on the house June 7 while the owner was away and found someone had used a brick to break a rear window. The person was able to reach in and unlock the window but the relative was unable to say whether anything had been stolen from the home.

#### Break-in

A rototiller, weed wacker, leaf blower and a small television were reported stolen from a garage in the 28000 block of Van Born June 7. The owner told police that the previous evening, a man had stopped to ask if a vehicle in her driveway was for sale. It wasn't but the man went into the garage to look at a second vehicle which the woman had for sale.

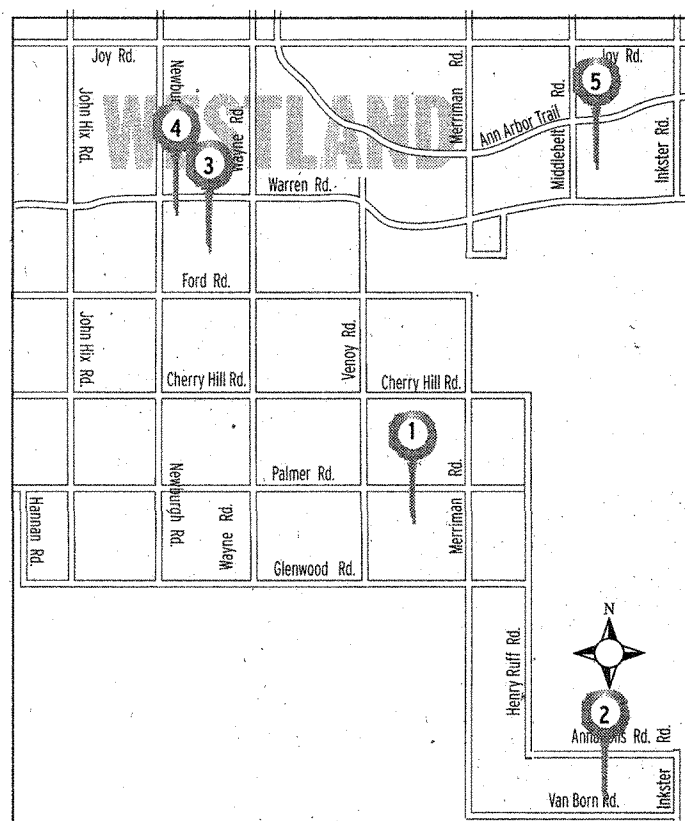
The service door to the garage may have been left unlocked, the woman said. A new gas grill and propane tank were reported stolen from the front porch. The items were valued at \$652.

Talking to her landlord about the incident, she said the description of the man sounded like a former tenant.

#### Larceny

A resident of an apartment in the 6500 block of Yale told police June 7 that someone had stolen her school bag

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containing a lap top computer, her driver's license, check book, gift cards and \$200 in cash.

She told the officer that her son was walking in front of her carrying the bag while she was carrying her laundry.

Her son arrived at the elevator first and set the bag down on the elevator floor while he came back out to tell her the elevator was there, the woman said, but the door closed behind him. When the elevator returned, the bag was gone.

The woman said she checked other floors for her bag without success.

#### Retail fraud

A Novi man was arrested for shoplifting food, clothing and tools valued at \$591 from Meijer, 37201 Warren Road, June 7. Witnesses alerted store employees that the man had filled a cart with items and left without paying.

The man was detained by store security. He was also cited for marijuana possession.

#### Fraud

On June 6, a Farmington woman told police that someone had stolen her wallet while she was in Novi. By the time she was cancelling her credit cards, the woman said she found the card had already been used to charge more than \$1,900 at Best Buy, 35100 Central City Parkway. A sec-

ond charge of \$106 on a different card was processed at the same time, she said.

#### Vandalism

An officer was dispatched to Kroger, 7350 N. Middlebelt, late June 7 on a complaint that a customer had damaged groceries. The clerk told the officer that a man rang up a number of items at a U-Scan register and went to pay with a check. The check was refused due to the addresses listed on his check and identification not matching.

The man became irate, the clerk said, and threw several of the bagged groceries to the floor damaging the items. The damaged items, including four half gallons of ice cream, ground beef, bread and two gallons of milk, were valued at \$24.

#### Break-in

On June 4, a resident in the 31000 block of Bay Court told police that someone had tried the lock off his storage container and stolen assorted tools valued at \$1,105. The man said he had last seen the tools May 4.

#### Vandalism

A resident in the 2000 block of Kaley told police June 4 that someone had keyed her vehicle, causing \$500 damage.

- By LeAnne Rogers

#### Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, Mi 48183 (734)479-5442 6/26/2009 at: 10:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

#### Personal property described below in the matter of:

Steven Dale Trimble	105	boxes, dresser, tv
Amy Wasson	132	boxes, bags, tv
Norris Taylor	337	boxes, bags, pictures
Lyndale Thomas	521	boxes, bags, totes
Angela Daily	535	boxes, bags, dresser
Mathew Bruce	619	sofa, vacuum, boxes
Amber Larowe	831	boxes, bags, sofa
June Francisco	833	boxes, bags, table
Keith Garland	904	boxes, bags, tool box
Ron VerDoot	1039	boxes, bags, totes
Bianca Jordan	1118	boxes, bags, sofa
Shane Haase	1129	boxes, totes, tv

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#### Personal property described below in the matter of:

Cheryl A Calvilla	B042	boxes, bags, tv
Nakia Mathis	B091	chairs, mattress, sofa
Nada Abulhassan	B094	boxes, bags, lamp
Dwain Puryear	B128	boxes, bags, totes
Annette Hawkins	B132	boxes, bags, totes
Trina Moore	B152	boxes, totes
Tabita Latham	B185	boxes, dresser, totes
Ricky Wallace	B226	boxes, bed fame, boxes
Petrice Johnson	B257	boxes, bags, totes
Dale Marie Griffin	B267	bags, boxes, record player
Herman Watkins	B298	boxes, bags, clothes
Brenda Switzer	C040	bags, boxes, totes
Aaron Daniels	D030	boxes, bags, refrigerator
Jason Hall	E008	boxes, bags, totes
Carol Lyons	E023	boxes, bags, grill
Sturge Moreland	F014	hike, boxes, dresser
Aikesiah Carter	F049	stove, bags, refrigerator

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#### Personal property described below in the matter of:

Talis Dugas	2051	boxes, totes, sofa
Robert Howell	2055	tv, boxes, totes
Nancyanne Hill	3009	boxes, totes, tv
Elizabeth Montez	3024	tv, chair, boxes
Erma Austin	3042	boxes, dresser, chair
Ken Beck	3084	boxes, chair, dresser
Jeremy McCauley	4008	table, dresser, Yamaha 250 VIN 509-003719
Sharrie Gardner	4058	tv, boxes, bags
Edwin Oney	5003	boxes, dresser, snow blower
Bradley Fleming	5009	chest, microwave, tires
Joy Lynn	5016	bags, totes, stove
Flowers by DeAvila	5037	boxes, bags, tool box
Tracie Breuer	6037	Honda motorcycle VIN HM319HM0B4501
Felicia Davis	6042	washer, dryer, totes
Donald Daigle	6080	boxes, tv, fan
Ron Bembry	6085	bags
Rosemarie Schafer	6093	boxes, totes, dresser
Tammy Goupill	6099	boxes, bags, dresser
Douglas White	6129	chair, dresser, boxes
Donald Lewandowski	7002	washer, dryer, boxes
Jeffrey Stonecipher	7082	totes, dresser, boxes
Deonte Barber	7108	bags, totes, dresser
Dineen Hawkins	9092	boxes, totes

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#### The Wayne-Westland Community Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children.

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

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Westland, MI 48186	Wayne, MI 48185

Lunch Service will start June 15 through August 14, 2009 (no service week of June 29) at all sites.

Lunch service times will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at all sites.

For more information, please call 734-419-2118.

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Juggling will be one of the skills youngsters will learn at a summer magic camp being offered by magician Will Heine of Plymouth.

# Summer camp is magic for kids

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teachers get their summers off from school, but career-technical teacher Will Heine has decided to go back to school, so to speak.

A veteran magician, Heine has decided to open a summer magic camp for youngsters interested in learning the art of prestidigitation.

"As a high school teacher, I realized that kids don't have a lot of interaction time with people anymore," said the Plymouth resident. "They're busy texting friends, they're on the computer. The camp will be fun and teach kids those interaction skills."

Campers will learn sleight of hand, stage magic, juggling, balloon animals, presentation skills, the art of magic, building a stage magic trick, writing a story line for a trick and timing of humor, all leading up to a Grand Finale Magic Show for their parents. The week also will include magic per-

formances by Heine and other magic and juggling guests.

They'll receive a Magic Bag full of all the props they'll need to learn the magic routines taught during the week and a DVD containing all the lessons taught so that kids can refer to them, if they happen to forget how to perform a trick.

"They'll come away with the tools needed to perform tricks they've learned during the week," Heine said. "They'll learn how to tear and restore newspaper, amazing rope tricks, how to float objects and how to make sponge rabbits disappear from guests' hands into their hands."

The camp will be offered in four sessions — Monday-Friday, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24 and July 27-31 — at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, just west of Meadowbrook, Novi. If those four weeks fill up, sessions will be opened the first two weeks of August.

Hours will 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and lunch will be pro-

vided by the church's licensed kitchen. The cost is \$370 — a deposit of \$185 in advance with the remainder due at a pre-camp meeting. Child care also is available 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. for a one time fee of \$40. Parents will receive a full refund of their deposit if the child is unable to attend the camp.

For more information about Heine's Summer Magic Camp, call (877) ALAKAZAM, (877) 252-5292, or go online at [SummerMagicCamp.com](#).

"The camp is about fun and making kids smarter," said Heine. "The camp will be entertaining and will be about entertaining."

Heine has been a magician for more than 30 years. He was introduced to the sleight of hand at age 10 and did his first show at age 11. His first gig was three doors down his street at a birthday party and his first trick was the egg bag in which an egg magically appears and disappears in a bag.

During his career, he has been an opening act at the Fisher Theater for comedian Robert Townsend and for fellow magician Harry Blackstone Jr. A desktop publishing teacher at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, he also has used his magic to capture his students' attention and as an incentive.

His dream has been to open a magic camp and it's been in the works for five years. Heine found that being a respected magician was a huge boost for his self-esteem and he wants to provide his campers with the positive identification.

"I wanted to build a solid camp that offers a great experience for the kids, something that would help them develop their life skills," he said. "If you're a good communicator and a fun person, you do better in life. People will gravitate to you because you're fun to be around."

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# Mutual funds need research, but they have advantages

The stock market has improved and things look a lot better for investors than they did just a few months ago. That does not mean the financial crisis is behind us but looking at investment statements is certainly easier than it was a few months ago.

That said, many investors who bailed out of the stock market are now looking to jumping back in.

When it comes to getting back into the market, my advice is to focus on individual goals and objectives as opposed to what is happening currently in the market.

If you decide to re-enter the market, one of the first decisions to make is what investment vehicle is best in today's environment. Investors have a lot of alternatives — stocks, exchange traded funds, mutual funds, variable annuities and hedge funds as well as others.

One thing investors should have learned from the financial crisis is the importance of understanding an investment and the risks. I believe it is best to keep things simple and understandable. When investors get involved with products they don't understand and are so complex that even the people selling them don't understand them, it's best to stay away. I believe (and I've been saying it for over two decades) the investment alternative of choice for the majority of investors should be mutual funds.

There is a wealth of independent information available about mutual funds. Whether using the services of a professional adviser or on your own, do the research. Even though I like mutual funds, too many are packed with outrageous fees and have sub-par performances.

Mutual funds are highly regulated and the regulations are geared to protect investors. Certain investments such as hedge funds or private equity deals do not have regulatory oversight which can lead to problems. All mutual funds play by the same set of rules.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

One advantage of mutual funds is when you decide to redeem your shares, the company must, by law, close your account and liquidate to cash. Many investors found that during this financial crisis they could not liquidate. Others who invested in such things as variable annuities discovered that they would have to pay high fees to close out their accounts.

Mutual funds provide an easy way to invest. Unlike some investments that require substantial amounts of money, mutual funds generally have low minimums. In fact, there are some mutual funds that have no minimums as long as you establish an automatic investment program.

Another benefit of mutual funds is all dividends and capital gain distributions can be reinvested. Unlike an individual stock, where a dividend check is deposited and spent, mutual funds allow you to reinvest distributions, allowing your money to grow faster.

Mutual funds are not as sexy as hedge funds or even individual stocks. However, the goal is to be successful.

In selecting a mutual fund, don't just look at the top performer over the last year, look at a fund that has had a solid long-term track record and stable management. Investors who invest in what's hot now generally find that they get in too late. It's much better to have a mutual fund that has a management team with a solid long-term track record.

If you choose to get back into the market remember the first thing we all learned about investing — buy low and sell high.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](#). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](#).

# Park expansion forces SMART to move park and ride

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More park seems to equal less parking at the Westland Civic Center, and some bus riders aren't happy with the decision.

With the new Play Planet at Tattan Park and plans in the works for a splash park expected to attract more users, city officials asked SMART to move their park and ride stop from nearby parking effective Monday.

"Westland built a beautiful new park. The parking for the park is where our ride and lot parking was located. It took up too much room," said Elizabeth Dryden, SMART director of external affairs, marketing and communications.

While SMART looks for another park and ride loca-

tion in Westland, riders have been directed to other Ford park and ride lots at the Knights of Columbus several miles east in Garden City or at Target in Dearborn Heights.

"I have several concerns. The Knights of Columbus lot is too small for the bus to pull in. In the morning it stops on the south side of the road to be picked up," said Westland resident Amy SeGraves, who has been taking the bus downtown for more than four years. "There is no light nearby to cross five lanes of traffic in the evening. I'm seven and a half months pregnant, I can't run across the street."

Although the Knights of Columbus would now become the last stop on the route, Dryden said passen-

gers couldn't just remain on the bus as it turned around for the return trip and get off on the south side of Ford since the bus would then be moving onto a new route.

Planning to park at the Target lot, which does pickups and dropoffs in the lot, SeGraves said she was concerned there was insufficient parking for SMART riders there also. There are parking areas with signs warning the spots are only for Target customers.

"There are two more buses after mine and there were not a lot of parking spaces left," said SeGraves.

Some of the commuters are coming from communities further west, such as Plymouth, Canton and Ypsilanti, which don't participate in SMART. That

made Westland the first community in which they could catch a SMART bus.

Another rider, Harold Munzenberger, moved from Westland to Ypsilanti and has been taking the bus downtown for at least 20 years.

"The city just kicked us out, my beef is with the city. I e-mailed the mayor and all the City Council members," said Munzenberger, who agreed with SeGraves' concerns about the Knights of Columbus parking lot. "I pay taxes, too. They can't just kick us out. This is the only park and ride I know of that was in Westland."

Mayor William Wild couldn't be reached for comment.

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**NOTICE TO FILL VACANCY ON THE GARDEN CITY SCHOOL BOARD**

Residents interested in serving on the board must submit a letter of intent, a resume, and a completed application questionnaire as prepared by the Board to the attention of Board President Patrick McNally at the district's administrative offices, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2009. The Board will interview candidates at a special meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009. A final decision will be made at the board's regular meeting of June 22, 2009.

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction June 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN #
1994	Ford	Tempo	4-Dr	1FAPP36X5RK213971
1993	Chevy	Lumina	4-Dr	2G1WN5417P1150269
1995	Suzuki	R25 Motorcycle		JS1RJ16A7S210
1997	Lincoln	Continental	4-Dr	1LNLM82W5VY747700
1990	Chevy	Van	Van	2GCGG15Z5L1450053
1997	Ford	Thunderbird	2-Dr	1FALP62W0VH159953
1971	Honda	Motorcycle		CB100214815
1994	GMC	Safari	S/W	1GKDM19W1RB547044
1994	Ford	Taurus		1FALP5246RG223949

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On June 16, 2009, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1993	Chevrolet	Astro/SW	Blue	1GNDM15Z0PB161277
1998	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Tan	1FAPP5287WG224891
1997	Pontiac	Sunfire/2 Dr	Red	1G2JB1243V7522435
1996	Chevrolet	Tahoe/SW	Tan	1GNEK13R4TJ321495
1998	Mercury	SW	Black	4M2ZV1113WDJ21820
2004	Cadillac	CTS/4 Dr	Black	1G6DM577140153985
1997	Mercury	Sable	Maroon	1MELM55U6VG624621
1995	Ford	F-150/Pickup	Blue	1FTEF15Y9SLA65570
1988	Lincoln	Town Car/4 Dr	White	1LNBM82F4JY843212
1993	Ford	T-Bird/2 Dr	Blue	1FAPP6245PH221544

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

**30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION**  
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after July 11, 2009 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance:

- 09-008, adding new Section 154.390:** to establish the Straight Farmhouse Historic district; providing permitted uses and development standards.
- 09-009, Sign Ordinance:** to regulate signs and outdoor advertising by adding definitions, general standards, prohibited signs, signs permitted without a permit, signs permitted with a permit, obtaining a permit, non-conforming signs, and exceptions and penalties.

The proposed ordinances are available to be viewed during normal business hours and all written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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City Manager

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 09-011, Special Land Use.** H & A Car Wash is proposing to add an automatic car wash to the existing structure at 33653 Ford Road, in the C-3, General Business district. The car wash addition is an expansion to the existing Special Land Use approval.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

### Relay walkers deserve our ample thanks

For many years, we have taken the time to urge residents to show their support for the hundreds of people who spend months fund raising and then 24 hours walking for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The relay is a celebration of life, a huge party to recognize those who have fought the battle with cancer and won. It's also a somber remembrance of those who were not so lucky.

This year, the Westland Relay for Life raised almost \$100,000, money that will be used to help cancer patients and help further research for a cure. Or should we say cures, since there are so many different types of cancer and each one responds to a different treatment.

We want to take this time to say thank you to the many people who have committed their time and talent to the 2009 Westland Relay for Life. It is not a easy undertaking, it required a lot of hard work and a lot of commitment.

Cancer doesn't sleep, doesn't take a vacation. It sucks the life out of whomever it can. We hope that somewhere in the money raised this year, one lowly dollar bill will be the one that tips the scale for a cure. If not, we know that the money will be well spent in helping those who are battling the disease.

And for the residents who have voiced displeasure in having the event in a residential area, we understand and we hope that relay organizers will look for ways to minimize the impact the event has on the surrounding neighborhood. Celebrate, have a good time, but remember, while cancer is 24/7, people do like their peace and quiet.

### Target grant is boost

Especially in these troubled times, \$25,000 is a lot of money.

That's the amount of a grant the Target Corp. awarded to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army for a media center at corps headquarters on Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. The media center will have a "soft opening" this June, followed by a grand opening in September. The Target money will buy 11 computers, as well as books and magazines.

Adults living in the surrounding Norwayne area will benefit from being able to apply for jobs online, as is now commonplace. Children will also benefit, including those in the Salvation Army's after-school and summer day camp programs. A partnership is in the works with Michigan Works!, a state agency which helps people find jobs, to conduct work at the media center on Venoy.

There are others in the community whose expertise comes in handy in establishing a media center for the Norwayne area, and those partnerships are forming. The Westland and Wayne libraries have well-qualified staffs whose knowledge is a help in terms of acquisitions for the collection, programming and other areas.

It's been proven over and over again that a love of reading, and the ability to read well, serve people throughout life, contributing to their quality of life.

The Target Corp. deserves thanks for its willingness to invest in our community's future. The Salvation Army officials involved are to be commended as well for their willingness to see the project through to fruition.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Are you ready for the switch to digital TV?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



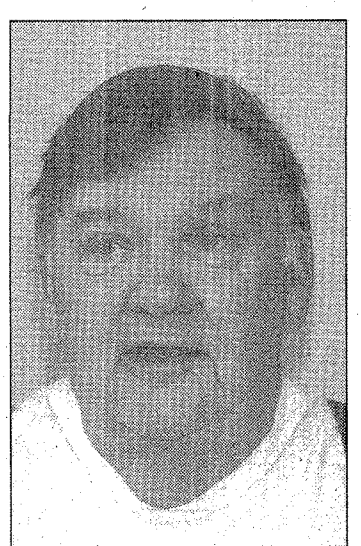
**"Personally, I am. I got my converter box in April. I have great reception and I have extra channels to watch."**  
Sue Nicholas  
Garden City



**"Yes, I have cable and it's all hooked up."**  
Bob Bennetts  
Garden City



**"I'm as ready as I'm going to be. Now I can get rid of my old rabbit ears."**  
Walter Williams  
Westland



**"Yes, I am. I have cable, so I'll have no problem with that."**  
John Nakoneczny  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Thanks for support

Thank you to everyone that came out and showed their support to Taft-Galloway's first annual Keep It Safe Community Night. The event was a huge success with more than 300 guests in attendance.

Thank you to all the organizations that made our event a success Michigan Masons for providing a priceless gift to our youths and their families, Mayor Wild of Westland, Reid Associates, Members of JFL Diversified Business Network, Wayne Fire Department, Wayne Police, Westland Police D.A.R.E. Program, Wayne County Sheriff Mounted Division, Michigan State Police, PKSA Karate of Westland, Youth Under Construction, Benefit Management Group, Uncle Joe's Supermarket, Kroger Supermarket, Parkside Credit Union, Romulus Athletic Center, Dr. Randy Houdek of Vision Associates, Allegra Print & Imaging, Wayne-Westland Community Schools' RIF Program, DJ Mystic, Taft T-4 Members, Taft-Galloway teachers and staff, Westland Civitans, Tracey the Clown, Leticia Alacazar the face painter and Sue Mason of the *Westland Observer*.

Again this event could not have been as successful without the generous support and donations from everyone. Thank you, your gift to our families were priceless!

**Juanita Francis**  
Westland

### Hit nail on the head

In response to "Unstoppable government" by Westland resident Phil Solarz:

Once again, Phil, you always hit the nail on the head. I couldn't agree more. Let me throw in my 2 cents worth. Obama should feel free to use my ideas for "change."

- Troops home now! No excuses!
- Ban all immigration for 10 years.
- Abolish the Electoral College. Equal time for all future candidates. Aren't we a multi-party democracy? The Democrat/Republican thing just isn't working anymore. Popular vote should rule.

- Trade caps with foreign junk products. Remember the lead paint and tainted pet food? Why do we continue the same business practices?

- Downsize government to half.
- Mandate sweeping reforms in our criminal justice system. Don't lock up non-violent offenders. Put them on work crews or in the military. Make them productive.

- Set up two minimum wages, one for minors and one for adults (a living wage) so money can circulate.

I could go on and on, but I must save my best ideas until I activate a political crusade.

A few questions I have: Remember the \$4

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gas last year? Why aren't the oil companies helping bail out the automakers?

One more: How can I buy a car with these outrageous insurance prices? They should help out, too.

Let's have a major tea party on the Ambassador Bridge this Fourth of July.

**Mike Baranowski**  
Westland

### Another Jimmy Carter

Government Motors has come to be and Obama has done the unthinkable. GM and Chrysler asked for a loan to get them over the hump that was largely due to government intervention and he has taken control of an American manufacturing icon. He did this by making GM give him controlling interest (72.5 percent) in the corporation, then he fired the CEO when he wouldn't import Chinese cars, gave more shares of stock to the union that supported him in the election than to the people that held stock in the company and raised CAFE standards to put further a hurt on the struggling industry. He's using our money to make cars we don't want, more expensive and less safe.

What will these CAFE standards accomplish in terms of emission pollution?

Let's take for example cargo ships, they spew out pollution equal to that of 350,000 current model year automobiles in one hour, yet Obama's new government standards are attacking the auto manufacturing industry with even higher standards while these ships continue to dirty our air, water and marine life

One port visit by a single cruise ship can generate as much pollution as 12,400 cars. The emissions from all of these ships amount to just 3 percent of the total pollution being spewed into our atmosphere, so how much pollution are we actually reducing by raising the fuel economy on an automobile?

In 2003, Bluewaternetwork.org sued the EPA to get them to take action against ship emissions but under the Bush administration; the standards were set too low because most of these ships (90 percent) are foreign-owned, so now Blue Water is out to challenge those numbers.

The problem with all this is that Obama is attacking the manufacturing in this country because as the old saying goes, "that is where the money is." He is using

taxpayer money to take control of the auto industry, either he is ignorant to the fact or he's playing cat-and-mouse with it and is trying to hide from the fact that the very people that are supplying the money for this takeover are the ones he's putting out of work!

There are no good reasons for closing profitable GM and Chrysler dealerships. The car czar panel tells us they are following the Japanese business model, which have a lesser amount of dealerships compared to U.S. automakers. Who in their right mind would close a business that is profitable? Why would they force these dealers to close instead of letting a free market decide which one lives and which one dies?

Of the 24-member "Car Czar" panel, exactly zero of them have any automotive experience. Now it comes to light that the dealerships that are being forced to close not on the basis of profitability but because most of these dealerships did not support the Democratic ticket in the 2008 election, so Obama's car panel is closing them not because of financial restructuring, but because of politics.

When asked who made the decision on which dealerships are to be closed, the Obama administration pointed to the car czars who were in turn pointing right back at the White House. I smell yet another cover-up about to blossom. Closing these profitable dealerships is nothing short of stupidity. The *Washington Examiner* reported that Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., learned from House colleague Candice Miller, R-Mich., that his Venice, Fla., dealership was on the hit list.

"It's an outrage. It's not about me. I'm going to be fine," said Buchanan, who owns a total of 23 dealerships in Florida and North Carolina. "You're talking over 100,000 jobs. We're supposed to be in the business of creating jobs, not killing jobs"

One guess would be that Obama is being led in so many different directions by so many special interest groups that he doesn't know which way to go or it could be that he really believes the words of his 20-year pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright; and he truly believes America is a bad and criminal country.

For our sake and for the sake of our children, I hope this is not the "change" most American's voted for. Obama will most likely take his place in history as another Jimmy Carter who spent us into oblivion. Obama is just an average man with smooth talking skills and by sticking to what the teleprompter reads and smiling, he hopes that no one will notice the puppet strings attached at his joints.

**Phil Solarz**  
Westland

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

### • Best time to water lawn

"Watering your lawn during night hours is not recommended due to the fact that the sun is not out and cannot cause the water to evaporate in a timely manner. Night watering may result in the water pooling, causing plants to deteriorate and making them susceptible to insect and pest infestation and disease. The best time of day to water is in the early morning hours. This way, the water

has plenty of time to be fully absorbed by the soil."

<http://www.growinggreengrass.com/watering.htm>

**Hemi426**

### • Take away city cars

Kudos to the mayor & council! Services are still good and if they're looking for more ways to tighten the belt. I hope they take all city cars that people drive home.

**Uninterested**

We can't say we have to pay the best to get the best. Thousands of people looking for a good job and I'll bet a few of them are qualified for anything in our wonderful city. They would come for a lot less pay and a little bit of health care.

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If you have an item for Malls & Main Streets, please e-mail Susan Steinmueller at [ssteinmueller@hometownlife.com](mailto:ssteinmueller@hometownlife.com).

## Make dad smile

Dad won't have to open his wallet to show off photos of his brood if he's wearing a custom photo tie from The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills. The store is will hold a photo session for kids, 4-7 p.m., Thursday, June 18. Children can have their likeness permanently placed on a tie for \$10. Fotos By Design will be at the store with all the necessary equipment to create the ties on site. Ties can be created with photos of multiple children and no appointment is necessary. There will be plenty of white ties available, and a background for the photos set up. Professional photos will be taken of children and then adhered to the ties via a heat transfer process in which the ink from the photo becomes a permanent part of the product itself. The Shirt Box is located at 32500 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. (248) 851-6770.

## Inline skating

Summit Sports and the Farmington Inline Skate Club will host inline skating events 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Intermediate/advanced skaters will meet every Monday in June in the rear parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington for a 15-25 mile skate through hilly terrain.

Beginner/intermediate skaters will meet Wednesdays, through Aug. 26, in the public parking area on Orchard Street (behind the Farmington Shopping Center at Farmington and Grand River) for 4-12 miles of skating in two loops.

Inline skating demos, where skaters can test skates before purchasing, will take place noon-5 p.m. June 13 at the Farmington Hills store,

28942 Orchard Lake Road. On July 29 and Aug. 26, Summit Sports will hold a skate maintenance clinic at 7:30 in between the loops Call (248) 737-0970.

## Vegan shampoo

LUSH, located at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, has just what your environmentally-conscious dad needs to keep his grey hair looking shiny and thick on Father's Day and every day after. Daddyo Shampoo is designed to cleanse and deep condition blonde or grey hair, eliminating brassy, yellow tones. Daddyo's fresh lemons will restore Dad's color and give his hair the shine it should have, organic coconut oil will give it strength and seaweed's minerals will condition it. \$26.75 for 16.9 ounces. Tell dad to go grey and be proud of it. (248) 348-0791

## Hear a good book

Biscuit the Dog visits storytime at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 13, at Barnes & Noble in Northville, 17111 Haggerty. The store also offers a story session for youngsters, age 2-7, at 11 a.m., every Tuesday and at 7 p.m., every Wednesday through the summer. (248) 348-1274

## You scream, I scream

We all scream for FREE ice cream. Get a free cone or cup of Birthday Cake Ice Cream Tuesday, June 16, at Sanders in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The giveaway celebrates Morley's 90th birthday.

## Kitchen workshops

Plan your dream kitchen at a workshop, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, at Ikea, 41640 Ford Road, Canton. Then learn about kitchen installation from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 20. Sign up for the sessions in the store's kitchen shop or e-mail to [K026@memo.IKEA.com](mailto:K026@memo.IKEA.com). (734) 981-6300.

## Get fit in exercising in local bootcamp

It's Bootcamp Baby! is registering students for June classes in Farmington.

The outdoor fitness classes are held outdoors and are unlike the typical workout at the gym.

Campers will participate in unusual drills and exercises developed by It's Bootcamp Baby!, all under the eye of the camp's experienced and certified "drill sergeants." Tug of war, pushups with canteens, and occasionally pulling a Hummer uphill are just some of the planned activities. In between, there will be jumping jacks, wind sprints, lunges and more, with the threat of pushups always in the air for anybody who displeases one of the sergeants.

"It is bootcamp, after all!," says owner and Head Drill Sergeant Julian Lored.

Classes last an hour. They'll run from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays in Drake Park, 23300 Drake. Class sizes will be relatively small. The first class is free to anybody who's never worked out with an It's Bootcamp Baby! drill sergeant before.

"I wanted to keep the class sizes small," says Lored. "That allows us to give campers an experience that is similar to personal training, but for a price that's a lot less."

Prices start at around \$15 per class. A nutritional coach is also available with various programs from diet reviews to cooking classes to a guided trip through the grocery store.

Visit the It's Bootcamp Baby! Web site at [www.itbootcampbaby.com](http://www.itbootcampbaby.com) for details on what to bring to class, for bios of drill sergeants and online sign-up forms.

Weekend fitness and military bootcamps are also offered.

It's Bootcamp Baby! is the brainchild of personal trainer and martial arts guru Julian Lored.



It's Bootcamp Baby! includes fitness moves such as crawling under objects.



A bootcamp participant works out by climbing a wooden structure.



Julian Lored founded It's Bootcamp Baby! and is one of its 'drill sergeants.'

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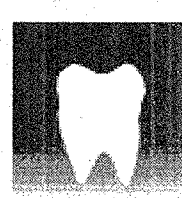
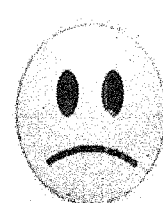
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, will host open houses 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 3. The preschool has a three-year-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and a four-year-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Potty training is not required. Low cost tuition available. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.academicpathwayspreschool.com](http://www.academicpathwayspreschool.com) or call (734) 261-9540.

#### Garden walk

The Wayne Garden Club Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. Start at Goudy Park Gardens (behind Wayne City Hall) 3355 S. Wayne Road. For information contact Lynn at (734) 721-8232 or Mary Anne at (734) 728-2884.

#### Be a Star

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team will begin their summer program. Children ages 10-14 or in the fifth-eighth-grade from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for its first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center in the Westland civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer the team will work on its dances and cheers and will attend camp. For more information call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

#### 3-Day fund-raiser

A Breast Cancer 3-Day spaghetti dinner benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure will be held 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the CrossPointe Community Church, formerly First Baptist of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, east of Newburgh, Wayne. Minimum donation is \$7 for adults and \$4 children age 10 and under. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, beverages and dessert. Breast Cancer jewelry, mugs and Wendy's discount books also will be for sale. For more information, call (734) 564-6437.

#### Class reunion

Garden City High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 at Joy Manor

in Westland. Tickets are \$75 now through June 1. Tickets includes, dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or by contacting Paula at [gchsl989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchsl989reunion@hotmail.com).

#### Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

#### Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660.

### VOLUNTEERS

#### First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

#### Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

#### VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA head-



### Wish you were here

Joy Bunker of Westland poses with her Westland Observer at the Tapkapi Palace and Museum in Istanbul, Turkey, during a 12-day Mediterranean cruise. The trip started in Vienna, Austria, and include stops at Mykonos, Greece, Ephesus, Turkey, Istanbul, Naples, Rome and Florence, Italy, and Monaco before ending in Barcelona, Spain. According to Bunker, the palace was home to the sultans for four centuries. Its treasury room was filled "with many beautiful items," including an emerald encrusted throne and the world's fifth largest diamond. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

quarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

#### Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

#### Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training

and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

#### Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

##### Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland

Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

#### Writing Group

Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com).

#### TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

#### Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

#### Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

#### In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets. at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartet singing can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

#### Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center

4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

#### Silver Strings Dulcimer

Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

#### Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

#### Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

#### Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

#### Hospital retirees

The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

#### Radio Club

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629.

#### Garden City Lions

The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382.

#### Garden Club

The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della Haydon at (734) 427-9410.

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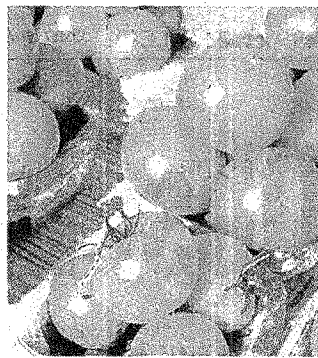
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Blazers book trip to Final 4 in Battle Creek

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood girls softball coach Scott Combs appropriately chewed on a Rice Krispie treat following Tuesday's 3-2 Division 2 state quarterfinal victory over Richmond.

"I used to work for Kellogg's," Combs said. "I'm from Battle Creek, graduated from Harper Creek High School, My 83-year-old dad (Sidney) is an old WWII vet

and still lives there. He's been calling me every single minute to see how we're doing."

The second-year coach and his 37-6 Blazers are doing just fine and just two wins away from a coveted state title.

Ladywood will make its first state semifinal appearance in school history beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park to face Williamston (34-7-1), which advanced with a 10-3 quarterfinal victory over host Carleton Airport.

Freshman pitcher Briana Combs helped preserve the quarterfinal win at Novi when she retired Kristen Skoryanc on a pop-out to the mound with the tying run on third base.

Combs held the Blue Devils (23-9) to only two hits while striking out six and walking only one.

"She's only walked 12 all season in 40 games," said Scott Combs, father of the ace pitcher.

Please see **BLAZERS, B4**



Ladywood pitcher Briana Combs is mobbed by teammates after getting the final out in Tuesday's 3-2 Division 2 state quarterfinal victory over Richmond.



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Ladywood's Alysa Gietl makes the stretch for throw at first base, but Richmond's Ashley Kingman wins the race to the bag and is safe to start the seventh inning in Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinal at Novi.

## SIDELINES

### Bucks fall, 3-1

Luke Norman, a former Michigan Buck, scored twice Saturday as the host Kalamazoo Outage earned a Premier Development Soccer League victory over the Bucks at Loy Norrix High School.

Tom Oatley also scored for the Outage, who move into first place all alone in the PDL's Great Lakes Division with a 5-0-2 record (17 points).

Dave Hertel tallied the lone goal in the second half for the Bucks, who fell 4-2-1 (13 points).

Just two days earlier, the Bucks moved into first place in the Great Lakes following 2-1 win over the Indiana Invaders at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Hertel and Piotr Nowak scored for the Bucks with assists going to Sebe Harris and Kenny Uzoigwe.

The Bucks return to action at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13, to host the Cleveland Internationals (1-4-1) at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets for Saturday's match are \$10 (adults), \$6 (youth under-16). Children 5 and under will be admitted free. For more information, visit [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

### Soccer signup

The Wayne Westland Soccer League will hold tryouts for both its boys and girls select teams (ages under-9 through under-19), along with its under-13 boys and girls premier teams beginning Monday, June 15.

Signup is also under way for fall recreation teams 6-and-up.

Wayne-Westland United is a competitive club that offers team-oriented training and individual player development. Coaches are licensed.

For more information, call (734) 467-5260 or visit [www.eteamz.com/wwwsl](http://www.eteamz.com/wwwsl).

### Youth triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its sixth annual youth triathlon Saturday, Aug. 15, at Clements Circle Park.

Age groups offered included 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. The triathlon is open to Livonia residents or those living in the Livonia Public Schools boundary area.

Early registration (\$10 fee) begins Monday, June 15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

The 8-and-under division features at half-mile bike, quarter-mile run and 25-yard swim; 9-10 — 1-mile bike, half-mile run and 50-yard swim; 11-12 — 1.5-mile bike, half-mile bike and 100-yard swim; and 13-14 — 2-mile bike, three-quarter mile run and 150-yard swim.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### Hickory Creek golf fun

There's plenty of golf activities going on a Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at 3625 Napier Road (at Ford Road), in Ypsilanti.

From 6-7:30 p.m. each Monday during June and July is Ladies Night Out, which includes golf instruction and Margaretas.

From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays features numerous youth golf programs (ages 5-17).

Weekends in June and July offers three hours of instruction, lunch and golf.

There will also be a fish fry all season long from 5-9 p.m. each Friday (\$7.95 per person).

Call PGA pro Tami Beal at (734) 731-0238; or visit [www.TrainwithTami.com](http://www.TrainwithTami.com).

## 'Say it ain't so'

### Patriots tripped up by Monroe in regional semifinals, 4-2

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's dreams of making a long state tournament run in girls softball went awry during the fifth inning of Saturday's regional semifinal against Monroe.

The Patriots couldn't hold a 2-1 lead as the Trojans scored three unearned runs en route to a 4-2 triumph.

Monroe (24-10) went on to win the Division 1 regional title at Southgate Anderson with a 5-1 triumph in the finals over Allen Park. (The Trojans also won their quarterfinal Tuesday over Cass Tech, 10-0.)

Franklin, meanwhile, bows out with a 32-6 overall record.

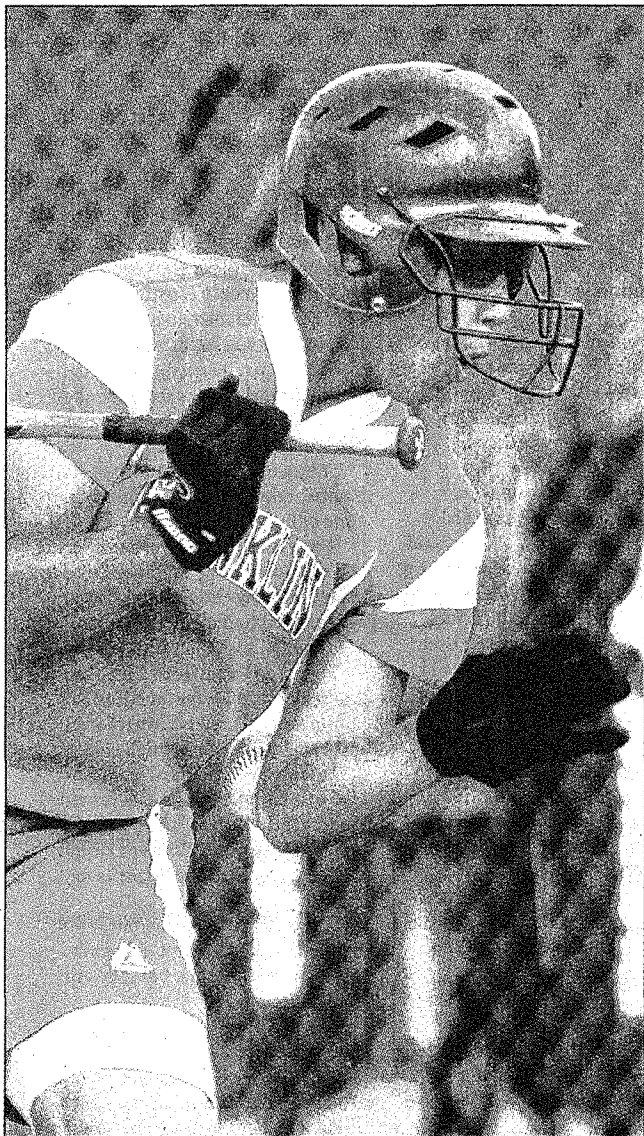
"We didn't execute, we did not make plays and they got some timely hitting," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "They saw the moment and they were able to take advantage and go for it."

Franklin jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a double by Brittany Taylor, a sacrifice bunt by Chelsea Williams and a RBI single by Brianna Taylor.

Monroe answered in the top of the second inning on a single by Ashley Everett, a sacrifice bunt by Molly McNamee and an RBI single by Kaitlyn Whitmarsh to knot the count at 1-all.

The Patriots regained the lead, 2-1, in the top of the third on a bloop single by Shannon Nixon, back-to-back sacrifice bunts by Brittany Taylor and Williams, followed by pitcher Natalie Sanborn's sharp single to left.

The Patriots carried that 2-1 advantage into the fifth, but the wheels came off when shortstop Brianna Taylor couldn't handle a hot smash to short off the bat of Whitmarsh with one-out.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin catcher Brittany Taylor, shown here in an earlier game, went 2-for-3 in Saturday's 4-2 regional semifinal loss to Monroe.

The next batter, Staci Stadler, then attempted a sacrifice bunt, which popped up near the plate as hard charging third baseman Nicole Emery, in a collision with catcher Brittany Taylor, jarred the ball loose, and everybody was safe.

After a wild pitch moved both Monroe runners up, Sanborn walked Alia Brodie to load the bases.

Pilon then ripped a shot to short. Brianna Taylor came home with the throw to the plate to her twin sister. The toss was up the line,

but it appeared Brittany clipped Whitmarsh in the helmet with the tag. The home plate umpire saw otherwise and called her safe as the Trojans evened the count at 2-2.

"It looked like she (Brittany Taylor) touched her (Whitmarsh) in the head and I asked the home plate umpire to call for help to see if the base umpire had seen the tag," Jimenez said. "She (Brianna) did throw it high and they (Monroe) reached on an error to start with."

Sanborn then walked Amber Rafko to force in the go-ahead to make it. 3-2. Sydney Smith followed with a double to the base of the center field fence to push the Monroe lead to 4-2. (Franklin, however, got out of the inning by getting both runners on an unusual 8-6-2-6 double play.)

"I'd like to think we forced those mistakes by being aggressive," Monroe coach Vince Rossi said. "But that (double play) could have been the turning point when our runner did not score from second base. She waited for some reason. She should have scored, and all I could think about if they came back and beat us because they have a nice ballclub and those twins (the Taylors) are amazing."

Pilon, who has been fighting a sore quad muscle, retired 12 of the final 13 batters she faced while allowing just a one-out, fifth-inning single to Brittany Taylor.

The Monroe senior right-hander scattered five hits, struck out nine and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

"Their pitcher (Emily Pilon) got the lead and ran with it," Jimenez said. "She threw faster."

"And they (Monroe) had a good defensive team and we were hitting the ball on the ground."

Meanwhile, Sanborn suffered only her third loss in 32 decisions. The senior right-hander, slowed late in the season with a sore ankle, gave up five hits, walked three and struck out four.

"We had her ice the ankle, I gave her two days off, but maybe she (Sanborn) ran out of gas," Jimenez said. "I pitched her a lot this year — maybe it's my fault."

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## Tourney exit: Warriors fall in D4 region

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin Baglow's timing couldn't have been any worse.

The star right-hander in the Lutheran High Westland pitching rotation, who entered Saturday's Division 4 regional semifinal against Southfield Christian sporting a 7-0 ledger, was uncharacteristically roughed up early and often as the Eagles scored six times in the opening inning and went on to post a 6-3 triumph over the Warriors at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

The loss quickly put an end to what had otherwise been another outstanding season of play for coach Kevin Wade's squad. It was

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just last season the Warriors advanced all the way to the Division 4 title game before losing 2-1 to Bay City All Saints.

"Austin just didn't have it," said Wade after seeing his team finish the season 19-4 overall. "He hadn't lost all year. In fact, he's been outstanding with that 7-0 record and ERA under 2.00. Sometimes you're due for a bad outing, but you just hope it's not in a regional game."

Baglow, a junior, failed to record an out and yielded three home runs before being lifted for reliever Micah Hausch in that troubling first inning. Hausch doused any further damage in the frame and managed to be quite effective the rest of the way by allowing only two hits and striking out seven.

The Warriors were held scoreless until the fifth when Eric Shoats, who had two hits on the day, singled and came around to score later on a Southfield Christian ground out off the bat of Kent Krzyske. Wade's crew managed to pick up two more runs in the sixth on RBI singles by Baglow and Shoats.

"We had some nice hits early in the game, but we couldn't put anything together and then we just ran out of time," Wade said. "We had a great season overall, but we just didn't get it done today. When you're 19-4 you got nothing to be ashamed about."



# Observerland's best prove heads of state

## FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

**Dana Baltazar, Jr., Salem (shot put):** The junior had an outstanding year, capped off with a fourth-place throw of 49 feet, 2 inches at the Canton-hosted Division 1 regional. He also finished third in the discus (138-4) and hit 145-4 at the Observerland Relays.

Rocks' coach Kyle Meteyer praised Baltazar as his "most valuable field event athlete," capturing city, conference, division and MITCA team championships in the shot for his efforts.

Baltazar also was undefeated in dual meets in the shot.

**T.J. Arancibia, Sr., Westland Glenn (discus):** The senior, headed to Wayne State on a football scholarship, captured the KLAA Kensington Conference championship with a throw of 146-6.

Arancibia also earned a trip to the Division 1 state finals with a runner-up finish at the Canton regional. He was also second in the KLAA South Division meet.

"T.J. overcame some early season challenges to finish the season strong by winning the conference meet with a new record for first-time meet," Glenn coach Jess Shough said. "He finished fourth in last year's regional just missing the qualifying standard, so he had as his goal all season to qualify for this year's state finals and he did. He was the mainstay of our throwers and will be truly missed."

**Jamie Stewart, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville (high jump):** The All-State basketball player set a Clarenceville school record with a leap of 6-7 and tied for fifth in the Division 3 state finals with a leap of 6-3.

Stewart was MITCA and Metro Conference champion, as well as runner-up in the Metro Conference. He also took a second in the 400 and third in the long jump in the Metro.

Stewart went a season-best 51.64 en route to a fourth in the 400 at the MITCA meet. **David Simor, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (long jump):** The senior enjoyed a productive season capped by an eighth-place finish in the long jump (21-11.75) at the state meet.

Simor also was regional, Kensington Conference and KLAA Central Division champion.

"Dave had a good season after pulling his hamstring last year in the first meet while long jumping as a junior," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Dave is a hard working young man and has worked very hard on his technique in the long jump. Has gotten much more consistent through his years of jumping. In almost every meet he was over 21 feet."

**Derek Peterman, Sr., Liv. Churchill (pole vault):** The senior captain broke the school record with a vault of 15-8 and was the Division 1 state runner-up.

Peterman, headed to Michigan State, was also the Mansfield (Ohio) Relays, regional and KLAA South Division champion.

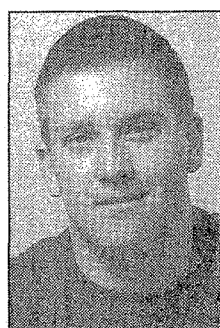
In the 110 hurdles, Peterman took runner-up in the regional to qualify for the state finals.

"Derek is one of the finest track and field athletes to come out of our program, and we've had some good ones," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "His 15-8 was one of the top vaults in the Midwest this year."

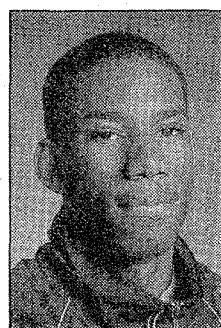
"Derek worked hard on his hurdle technique this season running 14.8 in the highs, which earned valuable points for our team. Derek is an outstanding student-athlete graduating with a 3.96 (grade-point average) and was a member of our pit orchestra team. As a captain, Derek led by example."

**Vanier Joseph, Sr., Red. Thurston (110 hurdles):** Competing in this event since his freshman year, Joseph culminated a stellar four-year varsity career by racing past the field at the Division 2 state meet and laying claim to the title of state champion in the 110 hurdles. His winning time was 14.35. At regionals, Joseph crossed in a head-turning 13.99, which proved to be a new Thurston record.

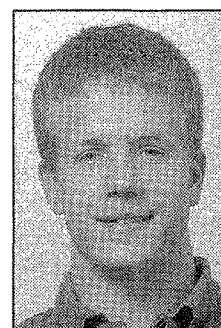
"He just loves and lives the sport," Thurston coach LaMar Miller said. "If I had five Vanier Josephs, I wouldn't need anybody else on the team. He's a fine young man and extremely hard worker. He went to state his junior year and just missed out by finishing fifth in the semi-finals. He worked hard and really wanted to come back this year and show people what he could do."



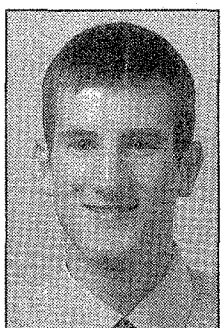
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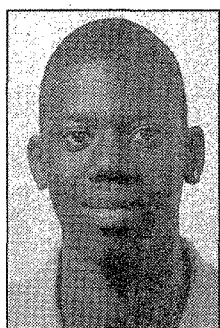
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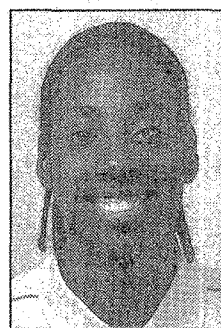
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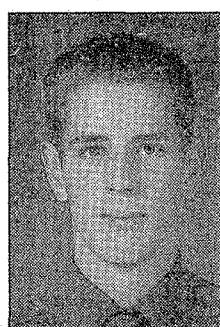
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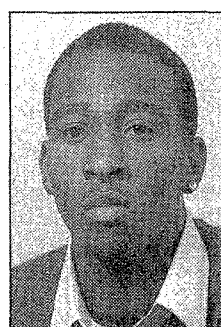
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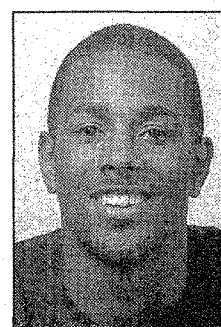
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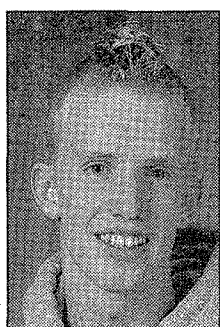
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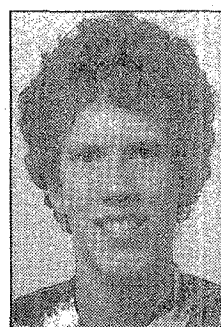
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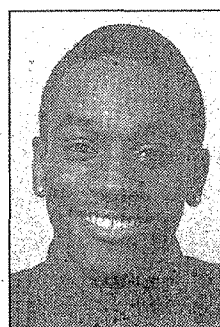
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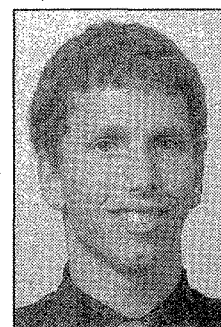
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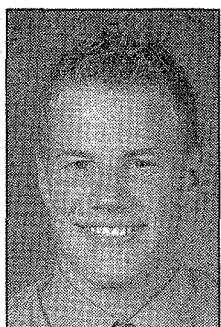
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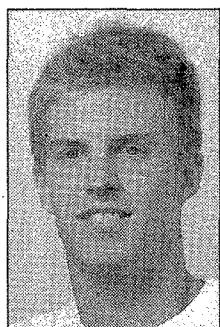
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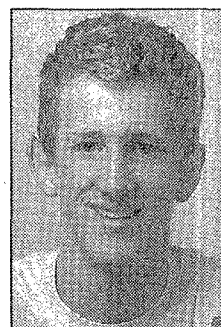
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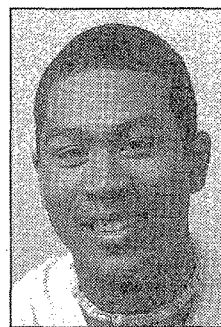
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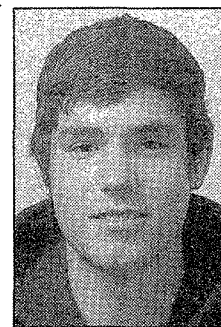
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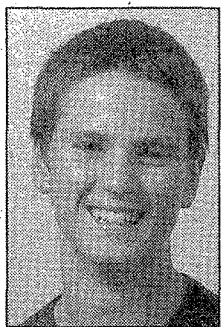
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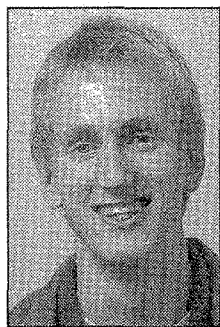
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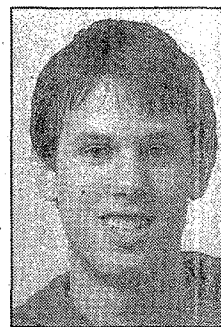
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Matt Neumann  
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Justin Heck  
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Derek Lax  
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**Renaldo Powell, Sr., Wayne (300 hurdles):** The senior, who has signed with Central Michigan University, enjoyed a banner season winning the Division 1 state title in the 110 hurdles (14.13) and finishing third in the 300 hurdles (38.73).

Powell is headed to the Midwest Meet of Champions to represent Michigan this Saturday at Jackson's Withington Stadium.

"Renaldo led by example, he kept practice fun for the underclassmen, and he did a great job of recruiting," Wayne coach Lee Grizzell said. "He performed so well this year because he has an excellent work ethic. Renaldo is such a good hurdler because he has really powerful legs and his technique is very good."

**Nick Anagnostou, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (100 dash):** In only his second season of track, Anagnostou posted an area-best 10.7 in the 100.

He was the last Western Lakes Activities Association and the first KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the 100. Anagnostou also captured the KLAA Central Division title and finished fourth at Observerland.

"Nick is a good leader by example," Shaw said. "He works hard at practice most every day. He's a very strong finisher in the 100. I wish we had the opportunity to work with him for four years."

**Parish Clayborn, Sr., Wayne (200):** The senior, who posted the area's top time (22.2) in the 200, was runner-up in the KLAA South Division meet.

Clayborn also placed fifth in Observerland in the 100 and had the area's second best time in that event (10.8).

"Parish did a great job for us this year," Grizzell said. "He competed in the 100, 200, long jump and anchored both speed relays. Throughout the entire year, Parish never gave up a lead in any of the relays he ran in."

**Darius Davis, Sr., Harrison (400):** Davis finished third in the Division 1 state meet with a time of 49.7 seconds. He also was third last year in Division 2. Davis had the area's best time at 49.4. He was a member of

three Harrison relays that placed among the top three in the area. Davis plans to play football in college, too, for either a GLIAC or Texas school.

"We're very, very proud of Darius getting third in the state," coach John Reed said. "He's been an excellent performer all four years. He's been very focused on being a great runner and he's done it. He's going to be a big loss to the program, because he's been running in the state meet since his freshman year."

**Warren Buzzard, Jr., Plymouth (800):** Buzzard sparked all season, highlighted by his second-place finish in the 800 run (1:58.37) at the Canton-hosted DI regional. He exceeded his time at the subsequent state meet (1:57.58), although that only netted him eighth place. Buzzard's personal best for the year was 1:57.2.

Meanwhile, at the prestigious Observerland Relays, he took third in the open 1,600 with a time of 4:32.2.

"He could run forever, he had so much in the tank he made everything look effortless," said Wildcats coach Kurt Britnell. "And he made everybody around him that much better."

**Elmar Engholm, Sr., Plymouth (1,600):** The senior exchange student from Sweden picked up where he left off last fall as an All-Observer cross country selection, again demonstrating athleticism and determination to be a sparkplug for Plymouth's track and field squad.

But a hamstring injury curtailed what could have been a brilliant season, which did feature a best of 4:20.0.

"He set record in cross country in the fall and this spring I thought he was going to break every mid-distance and distance event we have," Britnell said.

**Matt Devey, Sr., Salem (3,200):** The senior placed second at the DI regional at Canton with an impressive time of 9:43.39, which represented quite an improvement from the 11:40 he ran as a freshman.

Then in the state meet at East Kentwood, Devey ran it even quicker

(9:40.16), good for 13th place.

Salem coach Meteyer emphasized Devey's work ethic, another reason for shaving off that kind of time as well as going from 5:29 in ninth grade in the 1,600 run at MITCA to 4:28 at team states this spring.

"He is the definition of hard work paying off," said Meteyer about Devey, also the cross country captain at Salem. Devey plans on running cross at Wayne State University.

## FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

**400, Churchill (Anthony Frezzell, Jr.; Scott Coppola, Jr.; Travis Tomey, Sr.; Devon Easterling, Jr.):** This quartet placed fifth in the Division 1 state finals (school record 42.82) after finishing runner-up in the regional.

Frezzell, a three-sport athlete, and Coppola, both return next season.

Easterling plans to run track at Eastern Michigan, while Tomey plans to enroll in the fire fighting academy.

They were also Observerland Relays 400 relay champion for the first time in school history along with Kensington Conference and West Bloomfield Invitational champs.

"This fearsome foursome carried our team all season in the speed relays and open events," Austin said. "They are one of the hardest working groups I've had a Churchill led by captain Shane Henson. Each took pride in the way that they ran each leg of our two speed relays. I could always count on these four gentlemen to perform at their best."

**800, Stevenson (David Simor, Sr.; Jacob Gudeman, Sr.; Nate Sergison, Sr.; Nick Anagnostou, Sr.):** This quartet took first at Observerland breaking the school record with a time of 1:28.28.

They also finished third in the Division 1 state finals (1:29.63) after winning the regional, conference and divisional crowns.

"This was a good group to work with," Shaw said. "They all wanted to perform well throughout the season and make a good showing at the state meet, which I think we accomplished."

**1,600 Salem (Scott O'Connor,**

**Jr.; Dan Martin, Soph.; Dominique Williams, Jr.; Zack Gaskell, Jr.):** This foursome finished 11th overall at the DI state meet with a season-best time of 3:27.43. They qualified by capturing the regional with a clocking of 3:28.27.

Coach Meteyer will have all four components back next year.

He said Gaskell is a "very coachable athlete who gives full effort in individual and team objectives" and could be a college decathlete. Martin ran the fastest split on the team at DI states in the 1,600 relay with a mark of 50.7 seconds after recovering from a hip injury.

O'Connor brought excellence to the 800 and 1,600 relays and came within one second of setting new Salem marks in the 800 relay and 300 hurdles. And Williams is a "versatile athlete" who also can run in three relays and several field events.

**3,200 Plymouth (Justin Heck, Soph.; Matt Neumann, Jr.; Derek Lax, Sr.; Warren Buzzard, Jr.):** The Wildcats' quartet qualified for the DI state meet thanks to a second-place time of 8:05.24 at the regionals.

They went on to take 18th at East Kentwood, with a still admirable time of 8:11.97.

It was quite a showing considering the unit lost Elmar Engholm to a leg injury midway through the season and needed to plug in sophomore Heck, who more than filled the void.

"Justin did a whale of a job, he was a heckuva leader for being that young and (the relay team) didn't miss a beat," coach Britnell said. Neumann "worked hard and was real competitive" while Lax provided senior leadership as "the glue" of the group. Meanwhile, Buzzard simply was outstanding in all aspects for the Rocks.

"I'm very proud of the four," Britnell said. "They not only did a great job on the track but they are great young men."

## COACH OF THE YEAR

**Kyle Meteyer, Salem:** The fourth-year coach guided the Rocks to a Division 1 regional championship along with the Observerland Relays runner-up finish.

## 2009 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK TEAMS

**Shot put:** 1. Dana Baltazar, Jr., Salem; 2. Ed Merhi, Jr., Salem; 3. Deon Clemons, Jr., Livonia Churchill.

**Discus:** 1. T.J. Arancibia, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Jason Foster, Sr., Canton; 3. Sean McAuliffe, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

**High jump:** 1. Jamie Stewart, Sr., Livonia Clarenceville; 2. Zach Gaskell, Jr., Salem; 3. Kevin Beadle, Sr., Franklin.

**Long jump:** 1. David Simor, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Jason Byars, Sr., Farmington; 3. Isaac Cadet, Sr., Franklin.

**Pole vault:** 1. Derek Peterman, Sr., Churchill; 2. Jon Grinter, Sr., North Farmington; 3. Jon Gudeman, Jr., Stevenson.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Vanier Joseph, Sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Tendo Lukwago, Jr., Farmington Hills Harrison; 3. Shammah Carter, Soph., N. Farmington.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Renaldo Powell, Sr., Wayne Memorial; 2. Sherif Hassanien, Sr., Canton; 3. Scott O'Connor, Jr., Salem.

**100 dash:** 1. Nick Anagnostou, Sr., Stevenson; 2. (tie) Jeremy Langford, Jr., John Glenn; Charles Anthony, Jr., Farmington.

**200:** 1. Parish Clayborn, Sr., Wayne; 2. Dominique Williams, Jr., Salem; Chris Pride, Jr., Harrison.

**400:** 1. Darius Davis, Sr., Harrison; 2. Nate Sergison, Sr., Stevenson; 3. Jon Stoddard, Sr., Garden City.

**800:** 1. Warren Buzzard, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Spencer Lyle, Sr., Lutheran High Westland; 3. Keith Zech, Jr., Canton.

**1,600:** 1. Elmar Engholm, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Josh Hurst, Sr., Canton; 3. Dan Martin, Soph., Salem.

**3,200:** 1. Matt Devey, Sr., Salem; 2. Shawn Howse, Sr., Stevenson; 3. Joe Porcari, Jr., Plymouth.

## FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

**400:** 1. Churchill (Anthony Frezzell, Jr.; Scott Coppola, Jr.; Travis Tomey, Sr.; Devon Easterling, Jr.); 2. Franklin (Richard Duncan, Jr.; Isaac Cadet, Sr.; Mike Baumgardner, Jr.; Paul Voegel, Sr.); 3. Harrison (Will Ferguson, Jr.; Aaron Burbridge, Jr.; Darius Davis, Sr.; Chris Pride, Jr.).

**800:** 1. Stevenson (David Simor, Sr.; Jacob Gudeman, Sr.; Nate Sergison, Sr.; Nick Anagnostou, Sr.); 2. Farmington (James Vincent-Taylor, Soph.; Leonard Welch, Jr.; Anthony Ward, Soph.; Jaifus Ingram, Jr.); 3. Harrison (Tendo Lukwago, Jr.; Aaron Burbridge, Jr.; Darius Davis, Sr.; Chris Pride, Jr.).

**1,600:** 1. Salem (Scott O'Connor, Jr.; Dan Martin, Soph.; Dominique Williams, Jr.; Zack Gaskell, Jr.); 2. Canton (Josh Hurst, Sr.; Keith Zech, Jr.; Zach Spreitzer, Jr.; Paul Rakovits, Jr.); 3. Churchill (Mark Waterbury, Sr.; Nathan Wise, Sr.; Michael Schmidt, Jr.; Marshall Fry, Jr.).

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Kyle Meteyer, Salem

Salem went 5-0 in KLAA Central Division dual meets and placed second at the KLAA Kensington Conference and Central Division meets.

The Rocks also defeated very good teams such as Farmington Harrison and Ypsilanti to win the North Farmington Raider Relays.

Under Meteyer's watch, the Rocks have improved from a very young squad in 2006 to one that can rightly be placed along those teams that in the past helped craft

Salem's rich track and field history.

"This season was magical from the very first meet," Meteyer said. "We won our first dual meet against Stevenson and we knew that we had turned a corner."

Most gratifying was how '06 freshmen Matt Devey (first-team 3200 run) and Pat Patin (200 dash) took two and four minutes, respectively, off their times in those events as ninth graders.

"To me, and to the juniors and seniors who have been on this team from the get-go, this season was like eating a huge, delicious feast that you had to plant, grow, harvest and prepare yourself," Meteyer continued. "It was a lot of work to create, and there were times when a part of us wanted to give up when the going was rough, but we stuck with it and now things are paying off."

Meteyer said this year's excellent junior class will be ready to keep things moving in the right direction in 2010.



Kyle Meteyer  
Salem coach

## FINAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD LISTINGS

### BEST AREA BOYS TRACK TIMES

#### SHOT PUT

Dana Baltazar (Salem) 51-5.5  
Ed Merhi (Salem) 50-10.5  
Deon Clemons (Churchill) 50-8  
David Fortin (Franklin) 48-8  
Nate Coleman (Franklin) 48-0  
Sean McAuliffe (Franklin) 46-9.5  
Jay Woolfort (Franklin) 46-9  
Taylor Hall (Clarenceville) 46-5  
Reece Boyd (Thurston) 45-6  
Tom Norris (Farmington) 45-6

#### DISCUS

Jason Foster (Canton) 147-3  
T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn) 146-6  
Sean McAuliffe (Franklin) 146-2  
Dana Baltazar (Salem) 145-5  
Nate Coleman (Franklin) 144-1  
Cortney Frazier (Salem) 140-7  
Keith Choma (Plymouth) 140-2  
Jon Anead (Stevenson) 139-4  
Brandon Dare (Churchill) 136-7  
Kyle Brindza (Plymouth) 135-7

#### HIGH JUMP

Jamie Stewart (Clarenceville) 6-7

Zach Gaskell (Salem) 6-5  
Kevin Beadle (Franklin) 6-3  
Tendo Lukwago (Harrison) 6-3  
Jeremy Browning (N. Farmington) 6-2  
Jordan Allen (Plymouth Christian) 6-2  
Hudson Cadet (Franklin) 6-1  
Ben Spreitzer (Canton) 6-1  
Tony Lawson (Clarenceville) 6-1  
Anthony Ward (Farmington) 6-0

#### LONG JUMP

David Simor (Stevenson) 21-11.75  
Jason Byars (Farmington) 21-9  
Tendo Lukwago (Harrison) 21-8.25  
Isaac Cadet (Franklin) 21-4.5  
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 21-2.5  
Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 21-0  
Dominique Williams (Salem) 20-9.5  
Will Burek (Stevenson) 20-9.5  
Scott Coppola (Churchill) 20-8  
Charles Anthony (Farmington) 20-7

#### POLE VAULT

Derek Peterman (Churchill) 15-8  
Jon Grinter (N. Farmington) 14-0  
Jon Gudeman (Stevenson) 12-10  
John Krutty (Salem) 12-9

Kevin Beadle (Franklin) 12-6  
Nick Alania (Canton) 12-6  
Edward Koelzer (Canton) 12-6  
Joe Marlow (Churchill) 12-5  
Christopher Barnard (Churchill) 12-4  
Edward Koelzer (Canton) 12-4  
Henry Weyand (Stevenson) 11-11

#### 110-METER HURDLES

Vanier Joseph (Thurston) 14.0  
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 14.13  
Derek Peterman (Churchill) 14.8  
Tendo Lukwago (Harrison) 15.0  
Shammah Carter (N. Farmington) 15.0  
Kenton Janzen (Harrison) 15.1  
Sherif Hassanien (Canton) 15.2  
Cameron Wludyka (Franklin) 15.4  
Will Burek (Stevenson) 15.4  
Brandon Philigan (Plymouth) 15.5

#### 300 HURDLES

Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 38.5  
Sherif Hassanien (Canton) 40.0  
Scott O'Connor (Salem) 40.3  
Tendo Lukwago (Harrison) 40.4  
Vanier Joseph (Thurston) 41.0  
Kenton Janzen (Harrison) 41.2

Will Burek (Stevenson) 41.4  
Hayatt Ali (Canton) 41.4  
Shammah Carter (N. Farmington) 41.5  
Brian Miller (N. Farmington) 41.5

#### 100 DASH

Nick Anagnostou (Stevenson) 10.7  
Parish Clayborn (Wayne) 10.8  
Devon Easterling (Churchill) 10.8  
Jeremy Langford (John Glenn) 10.9  
Paul Voegel (Franklin) 10.9  
Charles Anthony (Farmington) 10.9  
Isaac Cadet (Franklin) 11.0  
Demetrius Wilson (RU) 11.0  
Aaron Burbridge (Harrison) 11.1  
Mike Baumgardner (Franklin) 11.1  
Donte Fox (Plymouth) 11.1  
Anthony Frezzell (Churchill) 11.1  
William Ayler (John Glenn) 11.1  
William Askew (Plymouth) 11.1  
Kyrion Nelson (Thurston) 11.1

#### 200

Parish Clayborn (Wayne) 22.2  
Charles Pride (Harrison) 22.2  
Nick Anagnostou (Stevenson) 22.3  
Dominique Williams (Salem) 22.4

Charles Anthony (Farmington) 22.5  
Jeremy Langford (John Glenn) 22.6  
Anthony Frezzell (Churchill) 22.7  
Devon Easterling (Churchill) 22.8  
Jaifus Ingram (Farmington) 22.8  
James Vincent-Taylor (Farm.) 22.8

#### 400

Darius Davis (Harrison) 49.4  
Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 49.6  
John Stoddard (Garden City) 50.8  
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 50.8  
Warren Buzzard (Plymouth) 51.0  
Zack Gaskell (Salem) 51.2  
Nelson Kenne (John Glenn) 51.5  
Jamie Stewart (Clarenceville) 51.64  
Matt Williams (Stevenson) 51.7  
Brandon Williams (RU) 51.8  
Keith Marshall (RU) 52.0



# Twin killing: Bulls run over Rams in LCBL action

These Michigan Bulls proved to be every bit as bullish as the ones from Pamplona, Spain when they swept a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header Saturday from the Michigan Rams at Ford Field.

The 22-and-under Bulls improved to 4-1 in the LCBL with a sweep by scores of 4-1 and 9-7.

Michael Wood's two-run double in the sixth inning proved to be the difference in the opener.

Winning pitcher Tim Simpson went the first six innings, allowing one run on five hits and four walks. He struck out four before Russ Luxton came on in the seventh to earn the save.

Losing pitcher Brady Cooper went 5.2 innings, allowing one earned run on three hits and five walks. He struck out six.

Nick Plinka went 2-for-3 with an

RBI in the setback for the Rams.

While the two teams combined for only eight hits in the opener, the nightcap featured a total of 23 hits.

Tim Ryan and C.J. Maszal each went 3-for-4 to pace a 14-hit attack for the Bulls, who rallied from a 6-2 deficit with five runs on the fifth and two more in the sixth.

Jeff Bultinck also doubled, tripled and knocked in four runs, while Andre Harris had two hits and two RBI for the Bulls.

Justin Forster went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Aaron Cieslak added three hits, two RBI and scored twice for the Rams.

Jason Hansen, who pitched one inning of scoreless relief despite giving up a pair of walks and one hit, earned the victory.

Ben Schroeder took the loss in relief of starter Tom Whiting, who

worked the first 4.2 innings allowing seven runs on 11 hits as the Rams fell to 3-3.

**BLUE KNIGHTS 6, EAGLES 2:** Starter Trevor Borsak pitched six strong innings and newcomer Matt Czajkowski contributed an RBI and two stolen bases leading the Blue Knights (5-3) to an LCBL victory Monday night over the Detroit Eagles (1-3) at Ford Field.

Borsak allowed just one hit, walked six and struck out four before giving way to Tim Shafro.

Tony Ponders also collected two RBI for the Blue Knights.

**RAMS 6, BULLS 5:** Dan Augustine's long single to right center field drove in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh to give the Michigan Rams (3-1) a one-run triumph Friday night over the Michigan Bulls (3-1) in a game played at Ford Field.

Justin Forster (2-for-4) started the rally with a one-out single and moved up on a single by Jake Rhodes (3-for-4, RBI) and walk to Alex Trojan to load the bases.

Brett Mazmanian doubled twice and had an RBI for the Rams, while Joe Barnes, Kyle

Vesey and Ryan Abraham also knocked in runs.

Reliever James Bertakis, who struck out three and allowed just one hit in two innings, got the victory. Middle reliever Matt Broder held the Bulls to one run in his three innings of work. Starter Taylor Robson gave up four runs in two innings.

Jon Berti and Tim Ryan each collected two hits for the Bulls (2-1). Matt McNiel had two RBI, while Andre Harris and Jeff Bultnick each added an RBI.

Gordon Powers, who gave up the game-winning hit, was the losing pitcher. Starter Corey Rademacher gave up five runs in 4.1 innings before giving way to Russ Luxton, who not allow a run in 2.1 innings.

**BLUE KNIGHTS 4-0, CONCEALED 2-3:** In an LCBL twinbill Saturday at Ford Field, the Blue Knights (4-3) and Concealed Security (1-4) settled for a split.

The Blue Knights earned a 4-2 victory as winning pitcher Tyler Spickler threw a complete-game eight-hitter.

In the sixth, Max Weberman triple to right field scoring Blaine Paden. Dustin

Hall then singled to center to score

Weberman to break the 2-all deadlock. Ryan Bourcier collected two hits and two RBI, while Weberman added two hits and an RBI.

In the nightcap, Casey Haggerty threw five scoreless innings, allowing just two hits in a 3-0 Concealed triumph. Haggerty struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Tyler Cotter paced the offensive attack going 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Losing pitcher Will Tidwell gave up three runs on six hits and two walks in six innings of work.

**BLUE KNIGHTS 4, CONCEALED 2:** On Friday, Ryan Bourcier went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI as the Blue Knights (3-2) turned back Concealed Security in a game played at Ford Field.

Bourcier's two-run double scoring Frank Persichino and Tony Ponders erased a 2-1 Concealed lead in the fifth inning. Bourcier also had an RBI single in the first.

Matt Mahalak pitched three innings allowing no runs on one hit and two walks to pick up the victory. Dustin Hill came on to get the save.

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## What you need to know before you tee off at your charity outing

By Susan Smiley

Summer is here and that means an abundance of golf outings and charity golf events. Both organizers and participants should keep in mind the two main purposes of charity golf outings: to raise money for a good cause and to have fun.

"Playing in a charity outing is about being out, meeting people and having fun," said David Hershey, a member at Forest Akers Golf Club who has played in many charity events. "You are giving money to a cause and being privileged to play golf for your contribution. If you can't accept that, then send a check and stay home. Make sure the people you are playing with are having fun and be respectful of them."

Pete Driscoll is the PGA Professional at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills, and his club hosts a fair share of golf outings. Driscoll reminds those in charge of golf events to remember there

will be golfers of all different skill levels participating.

"You don't know the caliber of golfer you are going to get," Driscoll said. "A scramble situation is probably best because it keeps everyone involved. But whatever your format, try to make it where you are playing the right tees for everyone. Instead of having everyone tee off from the back tees you probably want to have everyone shoot from the white tees. Make sure that your highest handicap person is going to have a good day and have fun."

Having fun does not mean forgetting proper golf etiquette. Golfers should always remember to repair their ball marks and divots, rake bunkers and be mindful of pace of play.

"Pace of play is probably the biggest issue with a charity event," said Mark Stevens, PGA Professional at Meadowbrook Country Club. "Things go much smoother if golfers arrive on time and are ready to go for their tee

time. It should be an enjoyable day so keep the pace of play at a good level."

Driscoll, who estimates the time it takes to complete a round of golf at a typical outing is anywhere from five to six hours, suggests limiting the number of strokes golfers can take on a hole or the number of attempted strokes a golfer can make. It keeps the frustration level at a minimum and helps move play along.

"For those who have not played a whole bunch, put a limit on swings," Driscoll said. "If you don't hit your ball on your second swing, pick it up and throw it. That's what I tell the kids who are just learning to play golf. It's supposed to be a fun day!"

Stevens also advises golfers to check with the golf course about dress code before the event. Private clubs don't allow jeans and usually require a shirt with a collar. There also may be restrictions on shorts and most courses now only allow soft spike golf shoes. If

you are not sure, it is always best to call the course and double check.

"Particularly if your event is at a private course you want to make sure you are in accordance with the dress code," Stevens said.

Once you are out on the course playing, it is time to relax and have fun. But remember, it isn't just about you enjoying a day on the links; everyone in your foursome should have the same opportunity to enjoy the event.

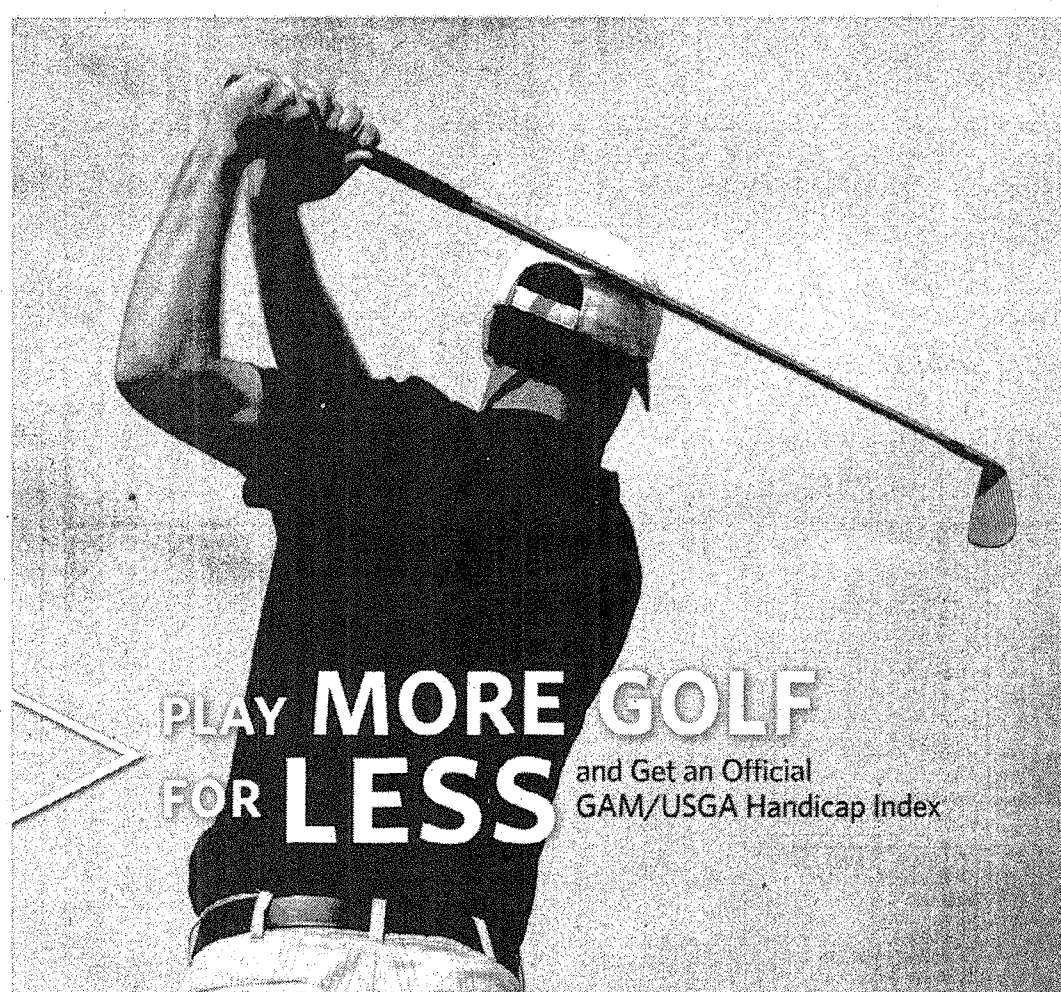
"I have done a lot of things at outings that I now regret," Hershey said. "Once I was so wrapped up in the competition that I drove past the women's tee not thinking about the women in the group. Another time I hit a ball close to a hole that had the prize for closest to the pin. The prize was two Lions tickets and I started cracking jokes like 'What is the second place prize — four tickets?'"

Quietly someone in the foursome told me the Lions tickets had been donated by another person in our foursome."

Hershey is much more outing-savvy now and would never make such a faux pas. In fact, now when he plays in a charity event, the actual competition is the very last thing on his mind. It is all about fun now because if people play in a charity outing and have a great time, they are likely to come back again the next year. In the long run, that raises more money for a good cause which is the point of these events.

"Door prizes and prizes for placing are very nice but I have not been to a work or charity outing where I couldn't afford to buy the prize if I wanted to," Hershey said. "Make it about the people you play with and they will remember you for that much more positively than they will for how you play."

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# Cruise control

## Ladywood posts two mercy-rule triumphs in regional

**BY BRAD EMONS**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The future appears to be now for the Livonia Ladywood girls softball team.

The Blazers, starting three freshman, earned a spot in the Elite Eight for the first time since 2006 by winning Saturday's Division 2 regional at home with a pair of mercy rule triumphs including a 10-0 victory over Beverly Hills Detroit Country in six innings and a 17-0 win over Detroit Renaissance in four innings.

"They're a great team, you can't let your guard down for a minute," Country Day coach John Meyers said of the Blazers. "We gave them an opening and they took it.

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They were better at the key moments."

Ladywood freshman Briana Combs and Country Day junior Becca Dyer were locked in a pitchers' duel for the first four innings.

But in the bottom of the fifth, Combs, the ninth hitter, led off with a sharp double down the left field line which led to a five-run Ladywood uprising.

Freshman Carli SanMillan singled in the game-winning run and Alysa Gietl also added an RBI single. The Blazers also took advantage of a pair of Country Day errors and walks to Jennifer Kelley and Gina

Sykes.

"Once we get back to the top of the order - one through six - were as tough as anybody I've seen," said Ladywood coach Scott Combs, whose team is 36-6 overall. "If we get somebody on base, we'll score a run or two."

After sending 10 to the plate in the fifth, the Blazers ended the game on a 10-run mercy rule in the sixth with another five-run inning by batting through the order again.

Sykes and freshman Cara Miller each had RBI singles during the uprising, while Sarah Stempin's two-run single ended the game.

Briana Combs, who struck out four and walked three, allowed just two hits, includ-

ing a two-out single in the fifth to shortstop Jessica Collins and a harmless single in the sixth to catcher Mary DiViviglio (who had walked the previous two times).

"They (Country Day) have two Computware players and there was no way I was going to pitch to her (DiViviglio) with first base open (in the first inning)," Scott Combs said. "I've seen her (DiViviglio) for six years and the only way to get her out is to jam her inside or not let her hit anything good. She's just too good."

Dyer allowed a total of nine hits, walked five and struck out six (raising her season total to 301).

"Our goal was to get to the regional final and go to the

quarterfinals for the first time," said Meyers, whose team finished 25-11 overall after beating Melvindale in the other regional semifinal, 8-0. "I'm very proud of the effort."

All nine players collected hits as the Blazers scored four times in the first inning and six in the second to beat Renaissance for the second time this season.

A big key to Ladywood's success this season has been the play of senior All-District catcher Jordan Searcy.

"She does a great job back there moving in-and-out around the plate," Scott Combs said.

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### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

#### Rocket football camp

Westland John Glenn will stage its annual football camp for grades 6-10 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18, at the high school, located at 36105 Marquette (between Wayne and Newburgh Roads).

The cost is \$25 (includes camp T-shirts trophies, and a pizza party).

For registration information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 620-0063.

#### MU baseball camps

Madonna University will stage pair of baseball camps with the first for ages 7-18 going from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 22-24, at Ilitch Ballpark (cost \$155 per player).

MU head coach Greg Haeger will also offer two separate pitching clinics from 9-11 a.m. (ages 10-14) and 1-3 p.m. (ages 15-18), both on Thursday, June 25, at Ilitch Ballpark.

For more information, call the MU baseball office at (734) 432-5609 or MU assistant coach Stu Rose at Stovel000@aol.com.

#### Glenn baseball camp

The Rocket Blast-Off summer baseball camp for grades 2-7 will be from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 6-9, at the Westland John Glenn baseball field (or in the gym in the event of inclement weather).

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## Lutheran Westland blanked in regional semifinals

**BY JIM TOTH**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland girls softball coach Paul Guse' knew it would take a near-perfect day of softball from his Warriors in order to continue their march in Division 4 state tournament play.

That is whay after just two innings of play Saturday in

regional semifinal action against highly-touted Southfield Christian, Guse' had a pretty good indication that the end was near for his club.

A handful of miscues over the first two frames provided Southfield Christian with an early four-run cushion, and the Eagles went on from there to crush the Warriors 9-0 in tourney play at Grosse Pointe

Woods University-Liggett.

"We were clearly the underdog going in, but it was frustrating on top of that to see them score two runs in each of the first two innings," Guse' said. "Everything we could do to shoot ourselves in the foot - in the field - we did."

The Warriors out-hit the Eagles, 9-8, but a pair of double plays put an end to scoring

threats and sealed their fate in a season that produced 12 wins in 25 starts.

Junior Allison Guse' started the game and took the loss for Lutheran Westland.

Of the nine hits the Warriors mustered off Southfield Christian pitching, Guse' and freshman Marisa Hahn cracked two apiece.

"When the season started we

had no idea we'd be able to win a district," the Warriors coach said. "We started 0-4, won a few games after that and then lost our No. 1 starter Emily Whitaker for the season. We've had five freshmen in the lineup the last part of the season and we're pleased with the progress we've made.

"We're really looking forward to next year because we feel we have the stuff to grow on."

## BLAZERS

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er. "She doesn't hit 65 mph, but she throws to the spots and gets people out."

Briana Combs got plenty of offensive support as the Blazers collected eight hits off two Richmond pitchers.

First baseman Alysa Gietl figured prominently in the win going 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

"She's a big-time hitter," Scott Combs said. "She plays for a good travel team in the summer, the Plymouth-Canton Pride, and she gets 200 at-bats a year. There's

no one I'd rather have at the plate. She may be a little run-challenged, but she can pop it."

The Blazers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning when freshman Carli SanMillan reached base on a Richmond infield error.

Gietl followed with an RBI double and freshman Cara Miller added an RBI single.

The Blazers added another run in the fifth to chase Richmond starter Jessica Greenla as Gietl and Miller had back-to-back singles followed by a Gina Sykes sacrifice bunt. Julie Bushart's sacrifice fly to deep center brought Gietl home to make it 3-0.

But in the top of the sixth inning, the Blazers' usu-

ally reliable defense became unglued as Skoryanc and Jillian Boyd both reached base on infield errors.

Erin Dunsmore's two-out single to left scored both runners when the ball scooted just under the outstretched glove of left field SanMillan.

But Briana Combs got out of the inning when SanMillan grabbed Greenla's sharp line drive to left.

"I think we picked up our heads off the ball to look at the runners that were close to the bag," said Combs, whose team made an uncharacteristic five errors. "We just had to get one out, but they (Richmond) are a tough team to play because you have to play them back

in the outfield and up in the infield."

Ladywood threatened to break the game wide open in the sixth as Courtney LaValley and Briana Combs both singled, but Richmond reliever Ashley Kingman with three successive groundouts.

That set the stage for the harrowing top of the seventh as Kingman reached base on an infield error. Catcher Alexa Garant moved pinch runner Ashleigh Maas to second with a sacrifice bunt and took third on a fielder's choice.

Skoryanc then swung at Briana Combs' first pitch and popped out to the mound, sending the Blazers into a wild celebration.

"We made some errors and they made some errors because people hit the ball," Richmond coach Howard Stuart said. "She (Combs) was a good pitcher, but we forced them into some errors. We got some breaks because we hit the ball hard.

"But today was their day. They hit the ball."

Meanwhile, the Combs family homecoming to Battle Creek can't come soon enough.

"I've always been dying to get back," Scott Combs said. "It's the Final Four. Anything can happen. We're just going to relax and enjoy it."

And don't forget to save a few more Rice Krispie treats for the trip.

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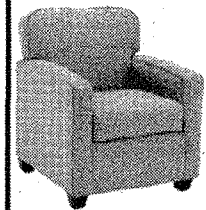
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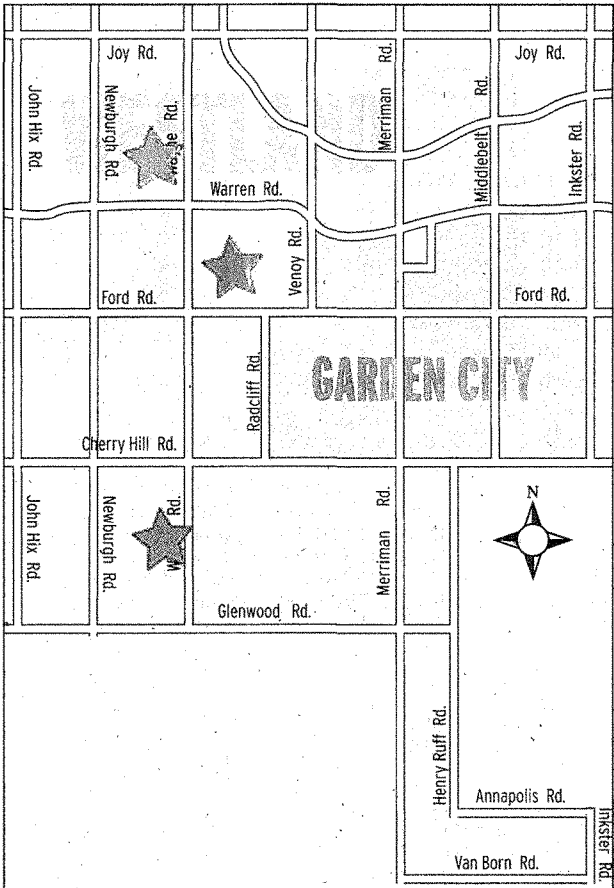
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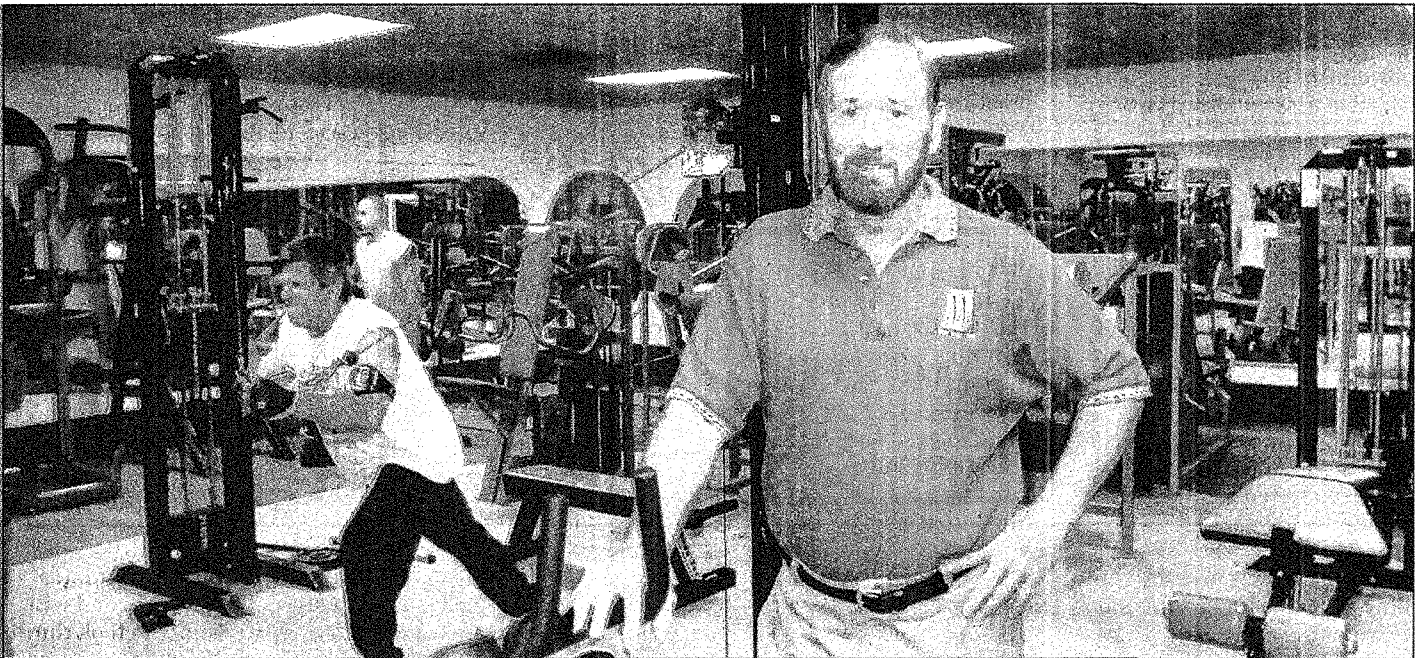
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Forum Fitness is a full service fitness facility. Included with the standard strength and cardio equipment that you find at other gyms we also have steam rooms, saunas, indoor track, pool, hot tub, and group fitness classes. We also offer tanning, massage, personal training, and TNC - our exercise and weight loss program.  
**Observer: What makes your business unique?**  
Locally owned and operated offering amenities usually associated with much higher priced clubs.  
**Observer: How did you decide to open your first business?**  
Actually we both have been in other businesses for many

**FORUM FITNESS CENTER**  
**Business name:** Forum Fitness Center  
**Business address, including city:** 34250 Ford, Westland  
**Your name and title:** Jeff Sullivan  
**Your hometown:** Garden City  
**Business opened when:** Originally opened 1981  
**Number of employees:** 10  
**Your business specialty:** Fitness and health  
**Hours of operation:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
**Business phone and/or web site:** (734) 729-7000, [ForumFitnessCenter.com](http://ForumFitnessCenter.com)

years. This venture seems more like fun than work.



STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

According to co-owner Jeff Sullivan, Forum Fitness offers amenities usually associated with much higher priced clubs.

**How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?**  
I was a member of this club before becoming an owner and had a vision of the potential of this business in this area.  
**Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?**  
Sorry, no.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Anniversary event

Toarmina's Pizza, the home of the 24-inch pizza, is celebrating its 22nd anniversary by helping customers save money. The pizza business, which opened its first store on June 6, 1987, is offering free Toarmina bread, a free garden salad and free 2-liter bottle of Pepsi with any size pizza or a slat of Toarmina's new Hickory Babercue Ribs during the month of June.  
Locally owned and operated Toarmina's has 14 locations in the metropolitan area, including three in Westland at 32785 Cherry Hill, 8006 N. Wayne Road and 1311 S. Wayne Road. To find other Toarmina locations, call (888) 24DELIVER or visit the Web site at [www.toarminas.com](http://www.toarminas.com).

**New medical director**  
VITAS Innovative Hospice

Care of Southeastern Michigan announces the appointment of Dr. Al Sabri Shuker as medical director. Shuker is responsible for the medical care and treatment of patients admitted to VITAS. He also consults with the patients' attending physicians, provides guidance to VITAS staff and volunteers, and educates practicing physicians and others engaged in healthcare services regarding the benefits of hospice and palliative care for patients and their families. Shuker practices internal medicine at Infinity Primary Care, in Livonia and is a member of the medical staff at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.  
"Dr. Shuker is a strong patient advocate and a skilled leader," said Elaine Howard, VITAS general manager. "He is a passionate believer in meeting patients' needs at the

end of life."  
Board certified in internal medicine, Shuker received his medical degree from Al-Mustansiriyah University College of Medicine in Baghdad, Iraq, and completed internship and residency programs at DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.  
**Send it**  
Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com) and she'll take care of the rest.  
Our local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.

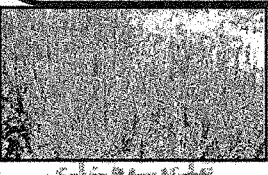
## CHAMBER CHAT

**WESTLAND CHAMBER**  
We have begun reserving advertising space for the 2010 issue of the Westland Chamber of Commerce Community Profile and Membership Directory. This will be our fifth issue. Our publishing partner, NovoPrint USA is widely recognized for their quality publications of maps and magazines for Chambers of Commerce throughout Michigan.  
Back by popular demand, the Directory will once again be the convenient booklet size of 8 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches and full color throughout. This colorful magazine will feature local community information, color photographs,


featuring Westland and the surrounding area and advertisements to showcase Westland Chamber member businesses.  
We are very excited about this all new project, offering a very affordable marketing opportunity and a chance for our members to really "Strut Their Stuff" in color. The magazine will be made available to the community in print and online, in an interactive format that will link from the Chamber web site. Advertisers that are included will have "hot links" to their individual web sites through this online E-zine. To see how this online feature works, please visit our web site ([www.westlandchamber.com](http://www.westlandchamber.com)) to view the current issue.

At this time, we are simply reserving space for your advertisements. Billing will not occur until your advertising artwork has been completed and approved. NovoPrint USA will provide design and typesetting free of charge for those that choose to use this service.  
This magazine is published yearly, and made possible only with the support of our Chamber member advertising. If you are interested in reserving an advertisement for your business in this exciting new project, call our NovoPrint representative Dan Martin at (734) 776-9151.  
**Brookellen Swope**  
president and CEO


### JUNE IS PERENNIAL MONTH



Salvia 'May Night'




Coreopsis 'Moonbeam'



Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'



Purple Coneflower



Russian Sage

**BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES SEMINAR FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 7pm**  
10% OFF SELECT PERENNIALS THAT NIGHT  
IN-STORE FLYER NOW IN PROGRESS

**734-453-5500**  
[www.plymouthnursery.net](http://www.plymouthnursery.net)  
Mon-Fri 9-7 • Sat 9-6 • Sun 10-5  
Offers Expire 6/17/09

**PLYMOUTH NURSERY**  
HOME & GARDEN SHOWPLACE  
9900 Ann Arbor Rd./Plymouth Rd.  
7 Miles West of I-275 • 1 1/2 Miles South of M-14  
Corner of Gottfredson Rd.

**CEDAR or CYPRESS MULCH**  
2 cu ft bag  
3 for \$12.00

*Award Winners!*  
Reg. \$9.99 **\$7.99**

## Arts & Crafts Show

*Juried Vendors*

### Saturday, June 13th

## 10 AM - 4 PM

*Indoor & Outdoor Vendors*

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(between Meadowbrook & Novi Rd.)  
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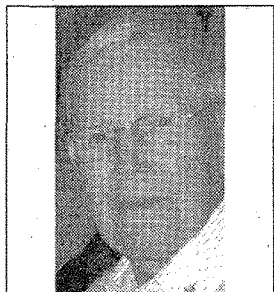
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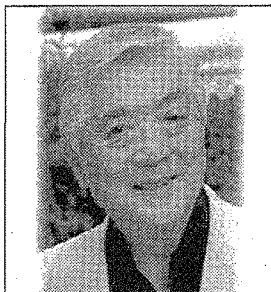
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**FRANK B. HOLOWICKI**

Of Fort Myers, Florida (formally of Plymouth, Michigan) went to be with the Lord on June 6th, 2009 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jenny Holowicki; daughters Christine Holowicki (Warren Hecht) and Andrea Hug (Gerry); sons Frank Holowicki, Jr. and Paul Holowicki; two loving grandchildren, Emily and Kara. Frank was one of nine children, five brothers and two sisters. Frank was a U.S. Navy navigator in the South Pacific during WWII, retired City of Detroit police detective, and a retired Ford Motor Co. investigator. He also received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. Frank was an avid golfer, umpire, referee and story teller. Memorial service will be held in Fort Myers, Florida at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, (239) 489-3973. An additional Memorial service will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan at St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church, (734) 761-8606, on June 19th, at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Call the churches for details. Memorial contributions can be made to American Diabetes Association.



**JOSEPH INATOME**

Age 84, June 6, 2009. Died Saturday at his residence in Estero Fl. He was born June 3, 1925 in San Francisco, CA. Retired as an engineer and Founder of Inatome & Associates, Founder of Inatome, Found of Computer City and was a Chairman of American Speedy/Allegra. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit. Mr. Inatome was a Veteran of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence having served during WW II and received the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He earned an Engineering Degree from Wayne State University. Hobbies included Chess and Computers. He is survived by his loving wife Atsuko, Children Rick (Joyce) Inatome, J.C. Inatome. Proud Grandfather of Dania (Winston Justice), Evan, Blake, Jaron, Jesse (Angie) Griffith and Tyler Cole. Great-grandfather of Selah Justice. Predeceased by his daughter Lisa Inatome, parents Masakichi and Masa Inatome, sister Etsako Kim and brother Masahiro Inatome. Funeral Service 12 Noon Friday June 12, 2009 at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home 32000 Schoenherr at Masonic (1 1/2 Mile Rd) Warren with Pastor Doug Olsen Officiating, Military Honors will follow. Visitation at the Funeral Home Thursday from 3pm until 9pm. [www.ahpeters.com](http://www.ahpeters.com)

## FREDERICK CARL JANZ

Age 89, died Friday, May 29, 2009. He was born on April 30, 1920 in Lansing, MI. A Certified Public Accountant, Frederick was a founding partner of Janz & Knight. He received a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Frederick was Treasurer and Director of the Birmingham Community House from 1976-1977. Frederick was active at Kirk in the Hills as Treasurer and Trustee from 1980-1989. He was also the co-founder and officer of the Garden Guild at Kirk in the Hills from 1976-2002. Frederick co-founded, directed, and was an officer for both the Bloomfield Hills Baseball League as well as the Boosters Club. He directed the Wabek Pines Condominium Association for 16 years, where he was President for seven years. With his wife Lorraine, he co-chaired the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Community Education Commission in 1975. He is predeceased by a son, Richard Janz. Frederick is survived by his wife Lorraine Copeland Janz of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Surviving children are: Michael Janz of Plymouth, MI; William Janz of Oceanside, CA; Carol Janz of Longmont, CO; and Linda Janz Faison of Oldsmar, FL, along with 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Memorial tributes may be made to Leader Dogs as well as Kirk in the Hills Garden Guild. Arrangements made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. - Mount Clemens.



**CAROLINE AGLIA KAPTUR**

Of Pinehurst, NC died peacefully at her home on June 5. Mrs. Kaptur was born on Jan. 9, 1931 in Dayton, OH, to the late Harry Herman and Hedwig Pauline Weaver. She received a B.A. in psychology in 1976 and diplomas in nursing in 1967 and anesthesia in 1973. She practiced anesthesia for 22 years in North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Vincent Daniel Kaptur, II in 1996. Her greatest pride and joy were her four children and her four grandchildren. She loved to sing in the choir, sew, grow flowers, and cook for her family and friends. Her children and grandchildren meant more to her than life itself. Mrs. Kaptur is survived by her daughters: Terese Ann Kaptur of Ft. Collins, CO., Dr. Paulina Eve Kaptur of Germantown, MD., and Nicolette Marie Kaptur of Birmingham, MI., and her son Vincent Daniel Kaptur, III and his wife Lisa of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Her grandchildren are: Nicole Windsor Ross, Scott Harrison Kaptur, Lauren Allegra Houlik, and Vincent Daniel Kaptur, IV. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Health Hospice of Pinehurst. Online condolences may be made at: [www.bolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.bolesfuneralhome.com)

## Crafts, games make Bible lessons fun

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sarah Sutphin isn't sure why "kids come out of the wood-work" to attend Clarenceville United Methodist Church's annual Vacation Bible School in Livonia every June.

"It could be because the parents went to Vacation Bible School when they were young or maybe they need a couple of hours away from their kids. Our program is free and that might be part of it, too," said Sutphin, director of youth ministry for the church.

Kelly Salter of Bell Creek Community Church in Livonia also welcomes kids. The church, which meets for Sunday service at Franklin High School, began holding Vacation Bible School in 2004, a year after it was founded. Summer attendance has been steady over the past few years, drawing about 100 kids to the four-day program.

"I know that when things are tough in life, like these economic times, people look for hope. And hearing the truth about Jesus Christ and watching kids engage with other kids and learn meaningful lessons can bring hope to their lives," Salter said. "We, as a church, get excited to see kids getting excited about Jesus."

The church has always held the program in various locations, starting with Corrado Park in Westland, then Wilson Barn in Livonia and now McKinley Elementary, at 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. About 40 percent of its students are "visitors" who do not regularly attend Bell Creek.

More than half of the Vacation Bible School students at Clarenceville last year weren't church members.

The Clarenceville program runs 6-9 p.m. June 22-25 at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, just south of Eight Mile.

Bell Creek will run from

9:30-11:30 a.m. July 20-23 at McKinley School.

Sign up for the Clarenceville program by calling Sutphin at (248) 474-3444. Sign up for the Bell Creek program at [www.bellcreek.org](http://www.bellcreek.org) or by calling (734) 425-1174.

A sampling of other Vacation Bible School sessions:

■ **Covenant Community Church**, 25800 Student St., at Five Mile, Redford Township, holds free Vacation Bible School for children, age 4 through sixth grade, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 22-26. (313) 535-3100

■ **Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia, holds "Gadget's Garage," (God's Always Doing Great, Exciting Things) 9 a.m. to noon, June 22-26 for children, age 3 through fifth grade. Register online at [www.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.org) by clicking on the events page. (734) 513-8413

■ **St. Aidan Catholic Church** on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia, offers the Crocodile Dock program, 9 a.m. to noon, June 15-19. Cost is \$25 per child, with a family discount available. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 425-9333.

■ **New Hope Church and Friendship Church of Canton** team to offer the Crocodile Dock program, for children, age 3 to fifth grade, from 6-9 p.m. July 19-23, at Crosswinds Church, 46788 Cherry Hill, Canton. Register for the free program online at [www.newhopechurchcanton.org](http://www.newhopechurchcanton.org) or [www.cantonfriendship.org](http://www.cantonfriendship.org). Click on links to Vacation Bible School. E-mail to [sue.norton.08@gmail.com](mailto:sue.norton.08@gmail.com) for information.

■ **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, offers an "In the Garden" theme Vacation Bible School for age 3 through fifth grade, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday-Thursday, July 27-30. Register online at <http://stjohnsplymouth.us/>. Call the church at (734) 453-0190.

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## CATHOLIC

**ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Immemorial Latin Mass  
Approved by Pope St. Pius V in 1570  
St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8  
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan  
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 534-2121  
Mass Schedule:  
Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
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Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. OE08062544

**St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church**  
St. Genevieve School - PreK-8  
29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220  
(East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries)  
MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 a.  
Sat. 4 p. Sun 11a

**St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church**  
32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616  
(between Merriman & Farmington Roads)  
MASS: Mon. 8:30 a. Fri. 8:30 a.  
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## CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
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Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
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(734) 455-3136 OE08062548

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
8820 Wayne Rd.  
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Livonia • 427-2290  
Jill Heather, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
(Nursery Available) OE08062555

## UNITED METHODIST

**Redford Aldersgate**  
2 blocks South of Plymouth  
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10000 Beech Daly  
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9:30 - Trad. Worship & Sun. Sch.  
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36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
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Rev. Marsha M. Woolley  
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25350 West Six Mile Rd.  
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**Fellowship Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire  
Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall  
36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia • Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft  
Nursery provided • [www.fellowship-presbyterian.org](http://www.fellowship-presbyterian.org) OE08062511

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96  
734-522-6830  
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional  
Staffed Nursery Available  
Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am  
Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413  
Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ  
Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden OE08062507

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25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY  
313-532-2266 REDFORD TWR  
Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery Provided  
The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor OE08062517

**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
David W. Martin, Pastor  
46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (at east w of Grand)  
(734) 453-5252  
Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am  
Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30  
Nursery Care Available. All are welcome. Come as you are.  
[www.risenchrist.info](http://www.risenchrist.info) OE08062500

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

**WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
"just west of I-275"  
Northville, MI  
248-374-7400  
Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours  
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The WNUZ Word Station  
For additional information visit [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) OE08062517

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Sunday Services  
Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
Rev. Fr. George Vaports  
Parish Office 734-420-0131  
Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
[www.nativitygocchurch.org](http://www.nativitygocchurch.org) OE08062416



# FILTER

## Led Zeppelin music dazzles in rock symphony

The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony returns for the sixth year in a row to dazzle concertgoers at DTE Energy Music Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

A stunning light show sets the stage for this presentation of Led Zeppelin's classic hits. The concert brings together a 50-piece orchestra, a full rock band, state of the art concert lighting and the legendary music of Led Zeppelin.

The Music of Led Zeppelin is two hours of 18 Led Zeppelin songs including such hits as "Stairway to Heaven" and "Black Dog." It's conducted and arranged by Brent Havens. Show producer Rob Cross originally constructed the show for the Virginia Symphony, but with its success, it has played in venues all over the United States.

In the time Led Zeppelin was together, they



Lead singer Randy Jackson (front row center), and conductor Brent Havens (back row, left), pose with other key members of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony.

helped shape the rock music of today. Led Zeppelin II (1969) immediately hit number one on Billboard's Pop Albums chart and remained there for seven weeks. In 1971, Led Zeppelin IV hit number two on Billboard's Pop Albums chart and became the band's biggest album, selling more than 16 million copies. "Stairway to Heaven," a single off the album, was an instantaneous hit, becoming the most played song in radio history.

DTE Energy Music Theatre, 7773 Pine Knob Rd, Clarkston, is off of I-75 at Sashabaw Rd. (Exit 89)

Tickets at \$32.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn may be purchased at Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets may also be charged by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

### GET OUT

#### ART

**Northville Art House:** The Painted Stage Theatre Portrayed Through the Artist's Brush, (A Tipping Point collaboration) through June 20. Classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org).

**Orchard Lake Fine Art Show:** July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, [www.HotWorks.com](http://www.HotWorks.com).

**Plymouth Art in the Park:** July 10-12, Kellogg Park. **Plymouth Community Arts Council:** Behind the Lens "Peace Project," through June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278, [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com)

#### BENEFITS

**AIDS Partnership Michigan:** Solstice, live jazz, wine, strolling dinner, dancing, silent auction, casual chic attire, 7 p.m. June 20, \$95, 34500 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, [www.aidspartnership.org](http://www.aidspartnership.org).

**Detroit Opera House:** BravoBravo!, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$95, jazz sophisticated attire, [www.bravobravo.org](http://www.bravobravo.org), (313) 961-3500.

**Detroit Orchestra Hall:** DSO fundraiser, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 6 p.m. opening reception; 7 p.m. concert featuring DSO music director Leonard Slatkin, mezzo soprano Frederica von Stade; 8 p.m. afterparty with music, dancing; 8:30 p.m. formal dinner and strolling dinner and 10 p.m. dancing. Tickets \$250-5,000 per person. (313) 576-5082 or visit [www.dsomidsummer.com](http://www.dsomidsummer.com). Free seating on a first-come, first-served basis for concert only to those who work for an automaker, a supplier or at a dealership. Must reserve: call 313-576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

**The Parade Co:** The Parade Company's Official VIP Rooftop Party, 6-11 p.m. June 24, Entertainment, food, games, activities for all ages, viewing of fireworks. Benefits the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. Miller Parking Garage, 400 Renaissance Center Drive, Detroit. \$175, children six and under \$75. Tickets: (313) 432-7831, [www.theparade.org](http://www.theparade.org).

#### CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC

**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095,

[www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).

**Oakland Brass Band:** Gone Fishin', 8 p.m. June 12, Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (248) 931-5169, [www.oaklandbrassband.com](http://www.oaklandbrassband.com).

#### CLUBS

**Soundboard:** Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.motorcitycasino.com](http://www.motorcitycasino.com).

#### COMEDY

**JD's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, [www.jazzcafe-detroit.com](http://www.jazzcafe-detroit.com).

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia:** Joey's Summer Variety Extravaganza, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. seating and live music. Live orchestra, stand up comedy, improv, mime, break dancing, tap dancing, belly dancing. \$5. 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-0555, [www.kicker-scomplex.com](http://www.kicker-scomplex.com).

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com).

#### CONCERTS

**Callahan's:** Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Papa Chubby/JoAnne Shaw Taylor, June 13; Duke Robillard Band, June 17; Ronnie Baker Brooks, June 18; Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malc & Olim, June 19; Roomful of Blues, July 12; Tinsley Ellis, July 24, 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills, [www.atcallahans.com](http://www.atcallahans.com), 248-858-9508.

**Clutch Cargo:** Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.

**Comerica Park:** Kid Rock, July 17-18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, [www.warpedtour.com](http://www.warpedtour.com).

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave. (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

**DTE Energy Music Theatre:** Credence Clearwater

Revisited, June 12; Clay Walker, June 13; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Heart, June 30, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston (248) 377-0100

**Fillmore:** Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**Fox Theatre:** Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Magic Bag:** Backyard Tire Fire, June 11; The Tennessee Three, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Cliks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

**Headbong Brook Music Festival:** "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16, 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester Hills. Ticketmaster.com. (248) 377-0100

**Magic Stick:** Dusty Rhodes, June 11; Volcanos, June 12; Waylon Birthday Tribute, June 13; The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderheist!, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com).

**Majestic Theatre:** Amanda Lepore, June 7; Blackfest featuring Mayhem, June 13; X, June 17; The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com).

**Northville Friday Night Concerts:** Lady Sunshine & the X Band, June 12; Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July 17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town Square, (248) 349-7640,

[www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

**Oakland Community College:** Free summer concert series, A Little Night Music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Highland Lakes Campus' front lawn and pavilion; student center area in case of rain. July 14, The Motor City Brass Band; July 21, Jim Dignan & Swing Shift; July 28, Partly Brothers; Aug. 4, Pamela Wise and the Latin Jazz All Stars; Aug. 11, Cats and the Fiddle; Aug. 18, Blackthorn. 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford.

**Palace of Auburn Hills:** Dane Cook, June 12; No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3; Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Boxing VI, Night of Knockouts, June 13; Robin Trower, June 20; Sonic Youth, June 29; Reel Big Fish & The English Beat, July 3; Asher Roth and Kid Cudi live, July 18; Wilco, July 21; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, [www.royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://www.royaloakmusictheatre.com).

**St. Andrew's Hall:** Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

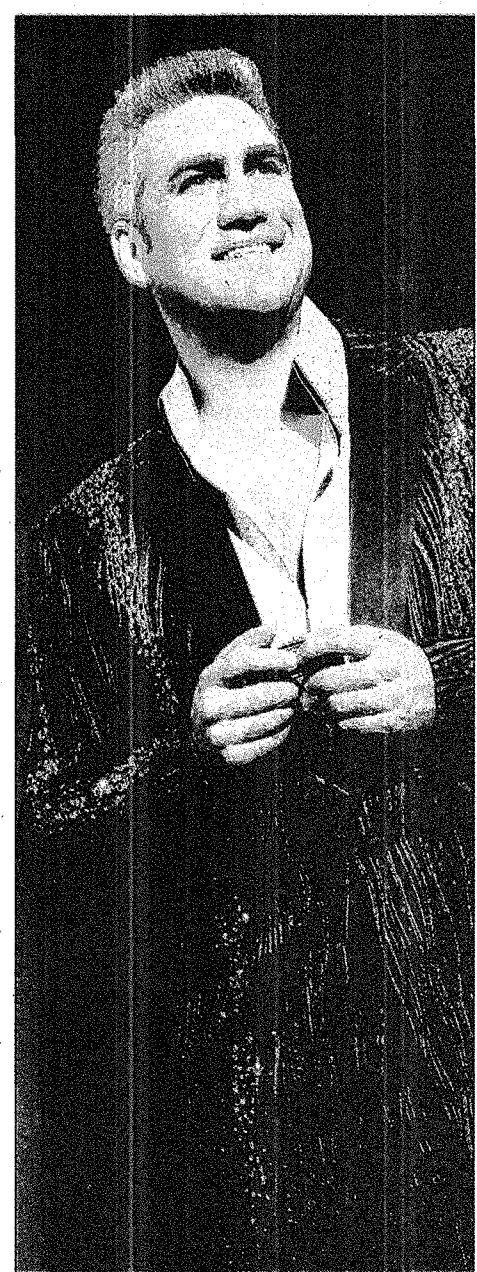
#### FAMILY

**Bakers Keyboard Lounge:** Jazz for Kids Program, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, [www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com](http://www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com).

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances and more starting at 2 p.m. every Sunday, free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

**Fox Theatre:** Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Marquis Theatre:** "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).



## Performing at the Fisher Theatre

American Idol Taylor Hicks performs in Grease, at the Fisher Theatre until June 28.

## Farmington Hills kicks off summer concert series

The City of Farmington Hills will present the Farmington Community Band as the opening concert in its "Stars in the Park" summer concert series at 7:30 p.m. June 18. Funding for the program is provided by DaimlerChrysler Financial Services and the City's Special Services Department.

The band's repertoire includes a selection of many different musical styles, from Big Band to Broadway, classical to jazz. The group was founded in 1966, and has grown from its initial six members to today's 65-member concert band, a 20-piece jazz/dance band, clarinet choir, Dixieland band, and other small ensembles.

Led by maestro Damien Crutcher, the FCB is a non-profit organization sponsored by individual, business, and corporate patronage. The band is guided and operated by a 30-member board of directors representing all facets of the community, with the purpose of maintaining a quality musical group to entertain audiences and also provide an outlet for the area's many talented musicians. Membership is open at all times to any adult, and by audition to qualified high school students. Several of the band's members have participated for over 20 years.

Concert goers are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic dinner. Heritage Park is located at 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The rain-out site for the concert will be the Costick Center, located three miles east of Heritage Park on Eleven Mile Road. The concert series continues on Thursday nights throughout the summer. For a complete listing, go to [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com) or call (248) 473-1857.

## See family favorite films at the Penn

The Penn Theatre offers a summer series of family movies beginning June 18 with *Stuart Little*.

The programs are sponsored by the Packaging Corporation of America, Plymouth District Library, Michigan Made & More and Community Financial Credit Union.

Shows are at 1 and 7 p.m., with the box office opening a half hour before each screening.

All seats are \$3.

Here's the line-up through August:

- June 25: *The Music Man*
- July 2: *Fly Away Home*
- July 16: *An American Tail*
- July 23: *The Shaggy Dog* (original 1959 version)

- July 30: *Annie*
- Aug. 6: *In Search of the Castaways*
- Aug. 13: *Babe*
- Aug. 20: *Apple Dumpling Gang*
- Aug. 27: *The Muppets Take Manhattan*

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman Ave., in downtown Plymouth. (734) 453-0870 [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

## Farmington Hills gallery features local photography

P.D. Rearick will be featured through July 9 at the Farmington Hills City Gallery located in the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile. A reception will be held 6-8:30 p.m., Friday, June 12 in the lobby of the Costick Center. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

The exhibit features traditionally printed black and white prints presented in an untraditional format. The small prints are set in a series that float in a semi dark room, each with its own bulb to illuminate the scenes. The artist's interventions with the prints themselves are exposed through the soft halo of backlighting. Pushing the boundaries of photography and creating a unique viewing experience makes it an exhibition of intimacy and whimsy.

Never without a camera growing up, the artist received a BFA from Columbia College Chicago and has

continued in a spirit of inventiveness with every portfolio. After assisting for a company of elite architectural photographers, Hedrich Blessing, in Chicago and New Mexico, he felt compelled to apply his craft as a career.

After several self-curated shows in Albuquerque, he was accepted at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, where he is currently an MFA candidate in photography. Recent works have been displayed in group shows in New Mexico, Illinois, Georgia, and Michigan, and in a variety of private collections. In addition, Rearick volunteers as an intern for the Cultural Arts Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services. His portfolios can be viewed at [www.flickr.com/photos/pdrearick](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pdrearick).

For more information on the exhibit or to be added to the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts contact list, call (248) 473-1856.

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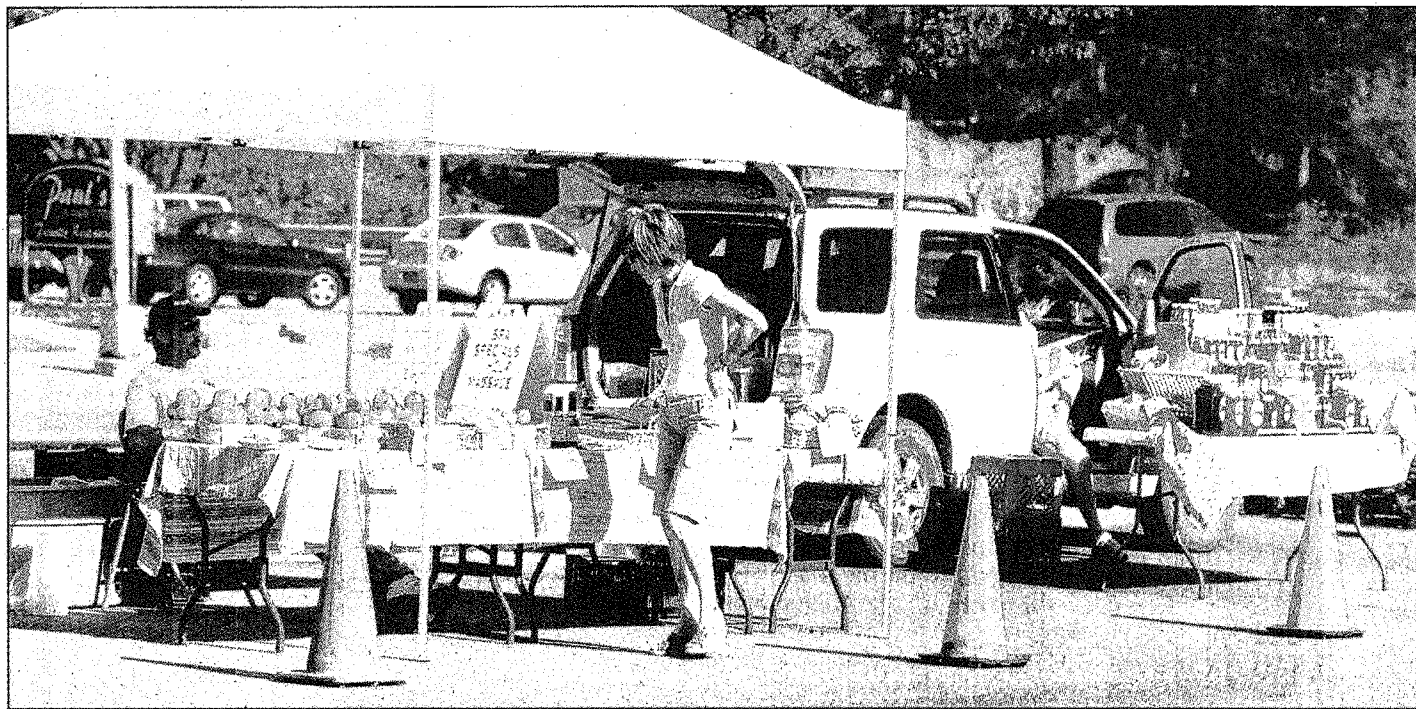
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This year, Rochester has a second roadside stand farmers market on Thursday evenings.

## Each farmers market sells fresh fare, unique products

Every farmers market has its own unique flavor.

Northville's Farmers Market features a schedule of events that includes demonstrations by chefs every third Thursday. At Southfield's Thursday farmers market, people can shop for fresh fare during their lunch hour then enjoy it at picnic tables while listening to live entertainment.

It all makes for a fun and wholesome event that often includes activities for children and the family.

Following is a listing of area farmers markets and a sample of their offerings:

**CANTON** — Canton Farmers Market is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 25 at the historic Bartlett-Travis House, 500 N. Ridge. Vendors offer a wide variety of merchandise as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and more.

(734) 398-5570, Ext. 5; [www.leisure.canton-mi.org](http://www.leisure.canton-mi.org).

**DETROIT EASTERN MARKET** — 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays year-round. Detroit Eastern Market is the largest historic public market district in the United States. Every Saturday, Michigan's largest and most colorful market is host to more than 150 farmers and vendors from Michigan, Ohio, and Canada. 2934 Russell St., Detroit. (313) 833-9300.

**FARMINGTON** — The Farmington Farmers Artisans Market is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through November at the Walter Sundquist Pavilion on Grand River, in

downtown Farmington. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, flowers, plants and artisan crafts.

(248) 841-4959

**GARDEN CITY** — The Farmers Market in downtown Garden City is in the Garden City Town Center, northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. A wide selection of fruits, vegetables and plants are offered. In addition, there are seminars. Bring your lawn chair for market related seminars at 10:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

On June 10: Container Gardening is the topic sponsored by The Wild Iris Floral Boutique.

(734) 422-4448

**LIVONIA** — The Livonia Farmers Market, operated by Friends of Wilson Barn, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through October at the Wilson Barn on the northeast corner of West Chicago and Middlebelt.

**NORTHVILLE** — The Farmers Market is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 30 in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

More than 100 stalls feature fresh produce, plants and flowers. Other finds are honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and home accessories.

The schedule of events includes: Chef's at the Market, third Thursdays; Can You Dig It? second Thursdays — Master Gardener sessions; and Hot Weather

Holiday on Aug. 20, so you can start your holiday shopping season early.

Garden pot recycling returns with larger collection bin for clean pots, plug trays and flat trays. Last year, 650 pounds of plastic was collected.

Also, the Wayne County Master Gardeners will be accepting donations of fresh produce from your garden, community garden plots, or purchased at the Farmers' Market to be donated locally.

(248) 349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

**PLYMOUTH** — The Plymouth Farmer's Market, 736 Penniman, is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, May through October.

Vendors sell home-grown and/or handmade products.

Located at The Gathering, 386 S. Main Street and Penniman Avenue, between Main and Union streets.

(734) 453-1540

**ROYAL OAK** — The Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile, is a premier southeast Michigan market venue. Farm producers sell from an enclosed building, with ample parking, on Friday during the farm season (May through Christmas) and Saturday all year. The market is owned and operated by the City of Royal Oak. It's in the Civic Center at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Troy Street, across from the library and adjacent to the 44th District Court. Hours are: Fridays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

(248) 246-FARM (3276)

### CITY BITES

#### CANTON GRUB CRAWL

**CANTON** — Mark July 21 on your calendar for the annual Canton Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl. Busses and vans taxi guests to more than a dozen participating restaurants, each of which offers samples of their favorite food specialties, from 6-10 p.m. Participating restaurants will include Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Applebee's, Bailey's Pub & Grille, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's, Crow's Nest, 4 Friends, Max & Erma's, Rose's Restaurant, Shark Club, Shish Kabob Cafe, T.C. Gators Sport Page, and T.G.I. Fridays. For more information call (734) 453-4040.

#### DETROIT-WINDSOR AIR RACES

**DETROIT** — View the finals of the 2009 Air Race World Championship, which take place on Sunday, June 14, on the Detroit River, from atop the seven-story Beaubien Garage. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group have teamed up to offer the viewing space as a charity fund-raiser. The party will include barbecue food stations with a wide selection of food and beverages catered by the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. The complimentary bar will include wines, beers, juices and soft drinks. A special drink station will feature Dragon Bleu Vodka. Limited outdoor seating and a family game area. Tickets are \$150 per person. Buy online at [www.nationalmssociety.org/mig](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/mig) or call (248) 351-2190, ext. 225.

#### MAKE-A-WISH FUNRAISER

**LIVONIA** — The Make-A-Wish Foundation is partnering with Baskin-Robbins for a 'FunRaiser' to raise money for their Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, a three-day, 300-mile bicycle ride from Traverse City to Chelsea. Baskin Robbins will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation from each ice cream cake they sell through July 25. They aim to sell 5,000 cakes, raising \$5,000 for the Wish-A-Mile.

To kick off the program, Baskin Robbins will host an event 3-9 p.m. Monday, June 8 at the Livonia location, 17138 Farmington Road. Local media and Make-A-Wish representatives will join customers to enjoy entertainment, their favorite Baskin Robbins flavor and an additional \$5-off coupon on any ice cream cake purchased that day, including pre-orders. Visit [www.baskinrobbins.com](http://www.baskinrobbins.com).

#### BBQ RIB COOK OFF

**NOVI** — The first-ever West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, is set for Sunday, Aug. 9 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi. The all day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities including a furry creature petting zoo, and more.

"Experience West Oakland," a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbeque Network for their inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to compete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbeque Network Finals, May 2010.

More information on the sanctioning body can be found at [www.MBNBBQ.com](http://www.MBNBBQ.com)

Registration information for interested contestants can be found at [www.experiencewo.com](http://www.experiencewo.com)

Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by offering samples of their most popular dishes. Exhibitors featuring cooking and barbeque related products are also welcome. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, contact Linda Daly at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743, or e-mail [info@novichamber.com](mailto:info@novichamber.com).

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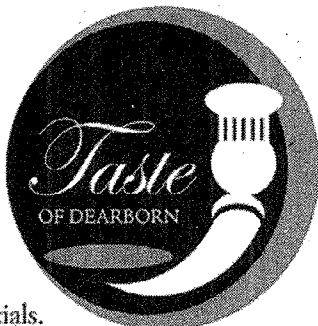
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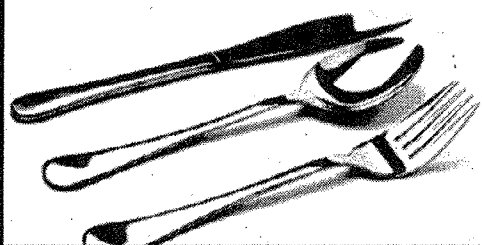
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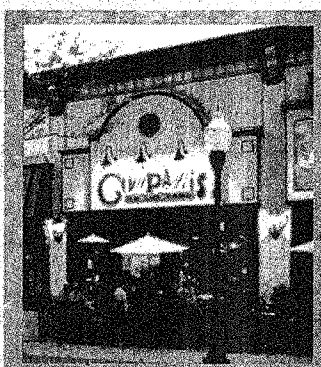
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